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Harbour Master's Office,
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Approved:
L. H. LAWFORD,
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In Miami:

A Tower of Babel

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—We are living in the great day of a spiritually blue and perfect sky; The Heaven of the Divine Will; Christ, said the son of man would appear in "the clouds", these are clouds of human interpretation, superstition and ignorance, Christ was the Son of righteousness. The son of man, Baha'u'llah, who appeared in the East in the 12th century, brought full light to the world of mankind; the progression of the revealed word of God has been gradual, according to human capacity to receive; from gross darkness to more and more light, then finally the cloudless heavens: but some arise and say that human conditions are worse than ever before. When you turn a pure stream of living water into a stagnant pond, all the mud, sticks and dead leaves are stirred up from the bottom and everything seems more obscured and impure, but if the fresh water continues to pour in, the pond will clear itself and become purified. God's processes are slow but perfect.

This peninsula, Florida, was millions of years in the making of its Coral foundation, but when the rocks emerged from the ocean, soil and land appeared quickly upon them, the tides brought seeds, vegetation sprung up and in an incredibly short time, Miami was born. This accomplishment in God's process, is the inevitable outworking of Covenant. His processes never fail, His plans are infinitely perfect; to our dim human sight, they may seem unfilled, appearing in the mind only, but His word accomplishes, "that whereunto it is sent." The photographer tells the little child to look into the camera and "see the little bird come out"; long afterward the child understands that there was no bird, but the photographer wished to hold the child's face in the right position and direction.

In this day we know the reality, and the reality, as Christ said it would, has made us "free." But this does not allow latitude and freedom such as we witness about us today. With some of the nations the pendulum is swinging too far in the other direction, liberty is not the unrestrained following of human instincts and ideas. The animal is an illustration of unbridled slavery to its lusts and passions. True liberty is the freedom of submission to the will of God, the Omnipotent.

On the bald desert plains of Shinar in ancient Chaldea, the descendants of Noah built a city, its name, Bab El, the gate or door to God; in that city they erected a tower, Birs Nimrod—a temple of worship dedicated to Bel, their God. It arose in eight terraces, each built of different coloured brick ranging from red or brown, to white at the summit. At the apex stood the holy of holies, where the high priest Nebo awaited the coming down of Bel from Heaven. Each step of the terraced tower was dedicated to a particular inferior god. When the descendants of Abraham crossed the Euphrates, Bab El was in ruins. The Hebrews appropriated the Chaldean account of Genesis, including the destruction of this ancient city by the wrath of the Almighty; they misread and misunderstood its fall to mean the confusion of tongues. In this way the account descends to us an explanation of the diversity of language, instead of an historical record of a city's overthrow when its religion fell away into priestcraft and polytheism, for Bab El, or its Greek rendition, Babylon, means "Gate to God." As a collective centre, the temple has always been the "Gate to God."

This is, indeed, "confusion of tongues," but even more so the destruction of the "Way to God"; this is the condition of the world today; it is like pools of water left upon the beach by the receding tide, in which fishes are stranded; they cannot reach the great ocean, they cannot mingle with each other until the great ocean tide comes in again. In the 19th century a new and divine impetus was felt in the world—like fishes in an aquarium where the water has been depleted of oxygen, and into which fresh water has been poured. All felt the stimulation, but few knew its source; The Baba'is knew from whence it came. Baha'u'llah appeared in the East, in the land of Persia, of Chaldea—what He revealed has been the revivifying of the world of religion. The Baha'is are a collective centre of God's people. They are building a great universal temple on the shore of Lake Michigan, near Chicago. Into that open court of holiness, religionists of every belief may go and worship the One God. It is a temple of love, unity and true religion—a visible gate to God; in it the miracle of all races worshipping together may be witnessed.

Margaret H. Atwater.

44 N.W. 10th Ave, Miami, Florida.
Nov. 17.

The Buses:

What a Woman Saw

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—This afternoon at about 2.45 p.m. while going West in the Bus No. 70, Route 14 near the Race Course, I witnessed an extremely ugly scene, which started on the upper deck of the bus, when a foreigner probably a newcomer to Shanghai, because of a misunderstanding with regard to money change was roughly handled and evidently put out of the Bus by the conductors. As it happened there were no other foreigners who could willingly help the unfortunate passenger to make the conductors stop their insolent behaviour.

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Lady Witness.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Guerillas Disrupt Tsinpu Line

Freight Trains Blown Up, Railways Destroyed; Pilot Engines Needed

Peiping, Dec. 26.

Earlier Chinese reports that guerillas are increasingly active along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, blowing up bridges and portions of the track, thereby rendering operation of the railway very erratic, are confirmed by foreign travellers arriving here by the railway.

Guerillas, who are part of the 8th Route (ex-Communist) Army, are reported to be blowing up goods trains but refraining from dynamiting passenger trains, though these are sometime machinegunned.

The portion of the track to the south of Tsinan is said to have been particularly heavily attacked by guerillas in recent days, and last week the entire service is reported to have been suspended for one day.

The Japanese are sending pilot trains ahead of every regular train operating on the line.

Long delays, according to travellers, are being caused by this guerilla activity.

The guerillas, it is understood, show no signs of being an organized body. They are operating in scattered groups and living off the Chinese peasantry.

Travellers predict that with an increasing number of Japanese being sent to Shantung, the guerillas would not much longer remain a menace.

Meanwhile, the anti-British movement in Tsinan has had a decided effect on the volume of British business, which is reported to be dwindling as a result.—Reuter.

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London, Dec. 25.

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His application to rejoin the R.A.F. was refused in peace time, but after the outbreak of war he renewed his applications, asking to be allowed to fly single-seater machines, and he was accepted. Bader has stoically overcome his injuries and now plays golf, dances and drives his own motor-car.—Reuter.

Russian Constable Captures Robber

Quick work on the part of a Russian constable of the French Police who stumbled upon a group of armed robbers making an escape after robbing a Chinese house at No. 35, Passage 68, Route Pere Robert, as he was leaving a Russian church in Rue Corneille at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, resulted in the caputre of one of the bandits and the seizure of one pistol and 25 rounds of ammunition. The police officer was suspicious of the group and gave chase to the robbers one of whom fired a shot at the constable. This worthy was eventually captured and taken to the police station. The French police are searching for his accomplices.

American Treaty with Japan Urged by Institute

Lack of New Pact Would Strike Severe Blow at Trade; Cotton Groups Most Interested

Washington, Dec. 26.

If the United States does not enter into a new treaty with Japan after the expiration of the treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1911 next month it will strike a severe blow at Japanese-American trade, Mr. G. T. Murchison, head of the influential Cotton Textile Institute told the United Press yesterday. Mr. Murchison said the Institute is very anxious that the treaty with Japan be renewed. "If a new treaty is not entered into it will be a serious blow to Japanese-American trade," he said. "I do not think the trade will collapse, but it will be a serious deterrent...."

He pointed out that Japan remains an important market for United States cotton, inasmuch as Germany and Italy are out.

Other sources said that different groups of cotton traders take varied positions regarding the Japanese treaty situation. They said it is known that Japanese trading circles rely heavily on the support of United States cotton men to preserve the present status of commercial relations, since Japan is the leading buyer of United States raw cotton.

However, several important business and political experts said that the raw cotton groups had not extended as much help to Japan as might have been given.

One source pointed out that the United States Chamber of Commerce figures United States raw cotton exports were only 5.7 per cent. of her total exports. The reports showed that Japanese purchases of United States raw cotton were only 1.7 per cent. of the total United States exports.—United Press.

Japanese Leaders Conferring

Washington, Dec. 26.

Japanese military authorities in China must be consulted before Japan can make any concessions for the purpose of effecting a new trade treaty with the United States, Mr. K. Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador to Washington said yesterday.

Any concessions which Tokyo might possibly make would be subject to the approval of the Japanese military authorities in China, he said, and therefore the Tokyo Foreign Office must obtain the support of officials in China before an agreement can be written to replace the existing treaty.

Tokyo, is therefore sending a commission of military and civil leaders to China war zones for consultations with Army leaders to effect the "necessary unanimity," Mr. Horinouchi said.

The Ambassador expressed the "earnest desire" that a new treaty would be drawn up to replace the treaty of commerce abrogated by the United States.

Mr. Horinouchi declared that Admiral K. Nomura, Japanese Foreign Minister, "means business this time and means to employ action and not mere words of assurance in obtaining a new accord."

Referring to the Tokyo conversations between Admiral Nomura and the United States Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, Mr. Horinouchi asserted, "Good progress has been made and we hope that an early and successful conclusion will be reached."—United Press.

Manchoukuo Tightens Company Rules

Fund Adjustment Law in Japan to Be Applied

Changchun, Dec. 26.

Revised regulations governing the control of companies and corporations in Manchoukuo were expected today to be put in effect on January 1.

Three major changes are contained in the revised regulations:

1. Sanction of the Ministry of Economics of the Manchoukuo Government will be required to float loans of more than Y.100,000 or on other items involving more than Y.100,000. This is one-fifth of the present amount.

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3. A company with a capital of more than Y.200,000 must obtain permission from the Ministry when paying dividends of more than 8 per cent. a year.

Under the regulations, a permit will not be necessary when loans are deferred. When the payment of dividends is deferred, the company may pay up to one per cent. above the 8 per cent. rate at a later date without obtaining authorization.

Anoher law was expected to be enforced soon covering special companies and semi-special firms.

Regulations to be put into effect on January 1 are similar to the law of fund adjustments in Japan.—Domei.

Stern Measures Taken In Poland

Death Sentences Meted Out For Many Offences

Bucharest, Dec. 25.

German authorities seeking to quell every sign of Polish patriotism have instituted a reign of terror in that part of Poland which now is under their occupation, absolutely reliable Rumanian quarters reported today.

The Poles, for their part, are providing passive but determined resistance.

Death sentences are meted and carried out without trial. Crimes that bring down capital punishment are rebellion, incitement to rebellion, possession of firearms, insults to the swastika, distribution of subversive pamphlets and defacing of official posters.

Despite these stringent measures, residents of Warsaw continue to show their hate and contempt of the Germans. Poles leave cafes and restaurants whenever a German enters.

Furthermore, all German attempts to form a pseudo-Polish Government have met with miserable failure.—Havas.

Swedish Police Arrest Komintern Agents

Stockholm, Dec. 25.

Swedish police today arrested two "dangerous characters," agents of the Comintern who have been members of the Secretariat in the Western European division. Headquarters of this division are here in Stockholm. The police also seized a great many Communist pamphlets printed in the German language and bound in packages ready for distribution in the Reich.—Havas.

German Ship Slips Out Of Mexican Port

Mexico City, Dec. 25.

With a cargo of oil-bearing copra in her holds, the German freighter Havilland left Manzanillo harbour, on the Pacific coast of Mexico for an unknown destination tdday. The vessel slipped out suddenly, apparently snatching at the oportunity offered by the reported departure of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Erie, which had kept her under strict surveillance from the date of her arrival in Manzanillo nearly a month ago.—Havas.

"Battle Dress" and All About It

The British Soldier is The Lightest and Best Equipped Fighting Man

Ease, comfort, utility are outstanding points in the Battle Dress of the British Expeditionary Force, which, as announced by the War Office, is to be worn generally by British troops, even to the exclusion of the Highlander's kilt. The British "Tommy" is the lightest dressed and best equipped soldier in the world.

Dress is streamlined to give facility of movement, and the new webbing supports for the various items of equipment that Tommy carries are so deftly arranged that the balance of weight is evenly distributed over the body.

What is more, the practice of making a soldier tire himself out by marching long distances in full kit is a thing of the past. All his service equipment and his spare wearing apparel are carried today by lorry to his billet, perhaps within half a mile of the front line. Even his tin hat he may not be obliged to wear till he is in the trenches.

Streamlined

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Slung in front on him are his two ammunition carriers containing 60 rounds of Bren gun bullets and each weighing 10 lbs; also his gas mask (3½ lbs). Other equipment, mostly balanced on back and sides, includes pack with great coat (14 lbs), rifle (8 lbs. 10½ oz), haversack and contents (5 lbs), anti-gas cape (3½ lbs), water bottle (2¾ lbs), steel helmet (2½ lbs), bayonet and scabbard (1¾ lbs).

Rail Traffic Resumed From France to Spain

Madrid, Dec. 25.

Rail traffic between France and Spain will be resumed January 1, 1940, the Public Works Ministry announced today. Iron Port Bou Cambrac and Puigcerda will be the Spanish terminals for lines on which service is to be begun. Schedules will be arranged in accordance with transportation needs and facilities.—Havas.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News," of December 27 1869

The Paper Hunt met, at the two mile bridge, Bubbling Well Road (not South Well Road or any other Road); the attendance not being so large as usual, owing to many of the members being in pursuit of the pheasant. The scent led in the direction of Markham's Farm, and the foxes, bearing in mind the grief occasioned by mud-larking in the previous hunt, steered clear of muddy creeks. The pace was quick, the paper being well laid. The finish was over the old Bubbling Well line; when half way down, a portion of the hunt went off on the old scent, and, consequently, were disqualified from winning. There was a fine race over the mud wall and ditch, up to the double, between two ponies who were leading; but the pace was too severe and both ponies swerved at the spectators who were crowded round the jump. Mr. Head, who had been going well all through the run, on a dark and jumping griffin, came up and took the double in fine style, thus winning the hunt.

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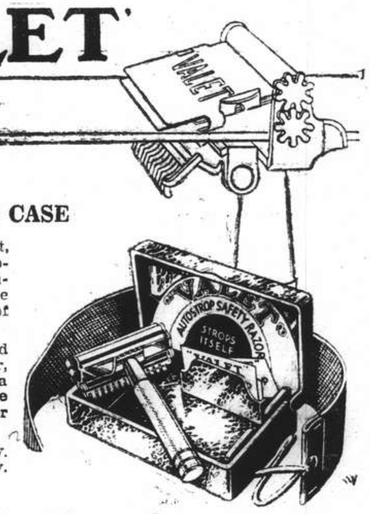

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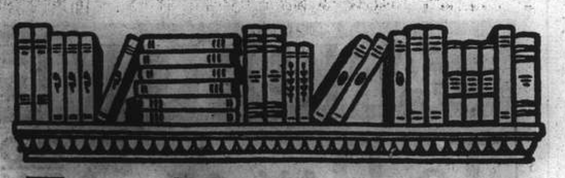

THE BOOK PAGE

Living Wisely

HEALTH FOR EVER By H. M. Irwin, N.D. Rider, London. 5/-.*

This bright little book is by a Naturopath practitioner—which explains the N.D. Naturopathy includes osteopathy and manipulative surgery, diet, herbs, electricity, lights, water and other natural methods. All readers may not agree when they are advised in instructions how to deal with appendicitis, "Avoid surgical operation," nor are any medicines advocated except what may be termed the "natural" ones—those that may be plucked off trees and shrubs or dug out of the earth—although they are sometimes put up in bottles for greater convenience.

Just Luggage

Mr. Irwin is of the opinion that nearly every mother is given a perfectly good baby, and that we become the poor creatures that many of us are solely because we do not know how to look after ourselves. We eat too much, we sleep too much, we do not walk enough:

> The mental effect alone of being mere "luggage" in one's movements is desperate enough, but the physical deformity that inevitably ensues is even worse for mankind. If one observes the faces of the habitual bussist and tubist, it is not difficult to discern an expression somewhat similar to that of a doped person. Intelligence is missing from the eyes, the whole attitude bespeaks oblivion. Sometimes this is mitigated into a semi-oblivion by the assistance of a newspaper, but the general physical and mental make-up remains—luggage.

At the same time, those who spring out of bed in the morning are also rebuked:

> There are people who, when waking in the morning, require to be reminded that the world got along very well without them during the long hours of the night, and might possibly survive their neglect for a few minutes more. That jumping up like a rocket immediately upon waking, smacks somewhat of undue egoism. Also it is not good for the system.

He advises that one should continue to lie down for ten minutes or so after waking—and this will meet with the approval of the majority, who have unconsciously been doing the right thing all their lives.

Cocktails and Smoking

Mr. Irwin does not approve of the cocktail habit. Here is a picture of a weary business man, "who has never been really awake since his stupendous lunch," but has managed to reach home at the end of the day:

> With the assistance of gin and condiments appropriate, he fortifies himself to tackle the real business of the day—his dinner. This he terms a real meal, an abundant meal, and one which has to be taken seriously. Is it within the bounds of reason that such a programme can be followed day after day without the result of some internal revolt?

Smoking, however, in moderation, he has little against:

> The fact remains that smoking appears to give some sort of pleasure to millions of people, and one would hesitate to deprive them of that pleasure without some very strong evidence that they are doing themselves harm through such indulgence.

As to exercise, Mr. Irwin holds that the movements involved in doing the ordinary work of the house or garden, the natural exercises, are the best of all—mentally, as well as physically, they are beneficial. Constructive work for the purpose of growing food or keeping the house in order is self-respecting employment.

Stimulating Appetite

Meat he regards as "a hive of bacteria"—but nuts combined with fruit make a perfect diet. Good wines he approves of—in moderation. But when one has lost one's appetite—fast.

> The extraordinary practice of resorting to gin and other stimulants to create a desire for food, when the stomach has plainly announced that it wants no more food, is surely giving the lie to one's highly trained interior.

Taking it all round this is a most readable and useful little book. And one need not say to oneself that one must cast off the M.D. for the N.D. entirely before following its precepts. That is a counsel of perfection that we are not all prepared to follow. But Mr. Irwin, who has dedicated his book "To Suffering Humanity," certainly points out a more healthful way of living.—D.P.

Fruit of Experience

THE PROFITABLE PATH OF SHANGHAI REALTY By Arthur and Theodore Sopher. Shanghai Times, Shanghai.

This valuable little compendium, which most certainly deserves a prominent niche on any office desk, is not only a clever and detailed study of Shanghai real estate and business relating to that subject, but an exhaustive and dispassionate treatise on the manner in which this great port has assumed the importance it has in the eyes of the world of today. The talented authors, from whose splendid articles appearing in the local press for almost five years this volume has been culled, have seen fit to give the general public the benefit of their decades of business experience in Shanghai and they have been astute enough to put their findings and reflections into print in a way that has just as much value from the point of clearness, lucidity and literary talent as it has in the shape of education, assistance and solution of the many problems that beset the business man so often in the Far East.

Shanghai's Future

The volume comprises no less than 51 papers or chapters, and between the covers one is able to trace the economic growth of Shanghai over a century and see with a certain amount of positiveness what Shanghai's business future is likely to be. The authors are to be congratulated on their timely effort, for it is one that shows a definite understanding of the subject they have in hand. They have long been acknowledged as masters of clear thinking in local business circles and now that they have committed their findings to print and cold logic, one should not let the opportunity slip of securing a copy. The reasoning they employ is fundamentally sound and their advice will, if properly utilized, result in untold benefits for both the investor and the general reading public.—F.A.P.

A Mission Directory

LES MISSIONS DE CHINE 1938-1939. Procure des Lazaristes, 44 Rue Chapsal, Shanghai. $5.

A new edition of the well-known Catholic Directory, "Les Missions de Chine," edited by the Vincentian Fathers of Peitang, Peiping, has just come off the press.

This extremely useful reference work, up-to-date to the end of 1939, lists in detail, as usual, the foreign and Chinese personnel of each mission, together with the stations they staff and their addresses. It supplies also statistics of the Vicariates and gives data on Religious Communities in China.

Three separated alphabetical indexes of persons, residences and Vicariates make it a handy reference work for everybody, consulates, shipping companies, business firms, Procures, agents, offices, etc., who are in contact with Catholic missionaries in China.

Oxford Pamphlets

The latest Oxford Pamphlets (Oxford University Press, London. 3d) are **"The British Empire"** by H. V. Hodson, Editor of the "Round Table"; **"Herr Hitler's Self-Disclosure in 'Mein Kampf,'"** by R. C. K. Ensor; **Economic Self-Sufficiency,"** by A. G. B. Fisher, Price Professor of International Economics at the Royal Institute of International Affairs; **"'Race' in Europe,"** by Julian Huxley; **"The Fourteen Points and the Treaty of Versailles,"** by G. M. Gatherone-Hardy. **"Colonies and Raw Materials,"** by H. D. Henderson, Research Fellow in Economics at All Souls College, Oxford; **"Living Space and Population Problems,"** by R. R. Kuczynski, Reader in Demography at the London School of Economics.

New Fiction

Lovers of light romantic fiction will derive keen pleasure from reading **"If I Should Love You"** (Ward Lock, London. Colonial Edition 3/6) by Dorothy Quentin. The author conveys no message in her story but merely presents in simple form the dilemma of Anne Seaton, a young hospital nurse, who is torn between the love of a brilliant young surgeon and an actor-playwright. Young Dr. Rainer was Anne's idol at St. Benedict's Hospital until the great Nicholas Menzies, star of the London theatrical world, was brought into the hospital, more dead than alive, following a motor car accident. Anne nurses the actor back to health and earns his undying gratitude, meanwhile becoming engaged to Dr. Rainer. Complications set in when Anne begins to doubt whether her affection for the young doctor is the real thing and the tale reaches an interesting climax when Nicholas collapses on the stage during a performance. Anne, of course, finally follows the guidance of her heart and lives happily ever after. The author has made good use of the contrasting backgrounds of a big city hospital and the back-stage of a London theatre.—T.A.B.

"Watch for the Dawn," (Collins, London. 8/6) the second book by Mr. Stuart Cloete (pronounced Clooty as we are expressly told) is excellent reading and fully maintains the high standard set by his previous work, "Turning Wheels." The scene is laid in South Africa and the period the early part of the 19th century. Mr. Cloete served in the Great War as an officer in the Coldstream Guards, and was seriously wounded; after the war he left the army and settled in the Transvaal to farm cattle. He spent many years there and the knowledge and experience thus gained, coupled with the fact that his family were of Dutch origin and he has something therefore of South Africa in his blood, have enabled him to put down on paper a novel which combines a convincing picture of the early struggles between the English and the Boers and at the same time a story full of human interest and attractive local colour. His characters are particularly well drawn and give the impression that one is reading of and meeting real people who have actually existed and could live again.

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The tale is brimful of passion and adventure and there is never a dull moment. The hero is Kaspar Van de Berg, whom we first meet as a young man of 20; the heroine, Aletta, an attractive young girl whose exact origin is unknown but who was saved from the Kaffirs as a baby by a Boer settler and brought up in his sister's family. Kaspar is involved in a fracas between an old Boer farmer and English troops who have been called out to arrest him for not obeying a summons to attend a British court. During the fracas Kaspar kills one of the soldiers and has to flee. He has only just "taken" Aletta, but has to leave her behind. He penetrates into the heart of the unknown, uncharted Kaffir country where he encounters many hardships and adventures, including an attack on the native Bushmen's granite stronghold and an elephant hunt on a colossal scale. Kaspar is out to prove his manhood and does so in convincing manner—he takes his woman, he shoots his man and he successfully surmounts the hardships and dangers of his journey into Kaffir land.

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Mr. Cloete has the knack of describing events in language which clothes them with a vividness and reality almost breath-taking. After reading this book it is easy to appreciate the unrelenting hatred of the Boers for the English which has been at the root of most of Britain's difficulties and troubles in South Africa. The passionate desire of the Settlers to be free, to be left alone to live their own lives, to make their own homes, to cultivate their own land, wrested by them with the sweat of their brows and bodies from the virgin country, and rear their cattle without interference is brought home with a really appealing eloquence. The story virtually comes to an end with the abortive and disastrous rising in Slachters Nek in 1816, and the public hanging of five Boer rebels in distressing circumstances. It is to be hoped that Mr. Cloete will write again, and if he does that he will still write of South Africa.—R.F.C.M.

Supreme War Cabinet Must Show Supreme Efficiency

Difficulties and Pitfalls to be Avoided Today; Ministers Accept Loss of Status Gracefully

THE elasticity of the British Constitution is indeed remarkable. Who would have thought it possible for a dozen Cabinet Ministers to lose Cabinet rank and for the Cabinet itself to drop out of existence without a sound? writes J. B. Firth in the "Daily Telegraph."

Even when the truth slipped out in the House of Commons it was accepted, after a momentary gasp of astonishment, as a natural development of these unnatural times. Early in September, it will be remembered, it was officially announced that a War Cabinet of nine members had been appointed—ten if Mr. Eden was counted in, for he was to have access to all meetings as the spokesman of Dominion interests.

The only surprise expressed was that it contained as many as nine members, the experience of the last war having shown that safety did not lie in numbers. But everyone assumed that the larger Cabinet would still remain in being and continue to function occasionally, though its meetings might be rare. Nothing was said to dispel the illusion till a month ago, when the leader of the Opposition happened to refer incidentally to "the larger Cabinet." The Prime Minister corrected him at once. "I don't know what the Rt. Hon. gentleman means," he said. "There is no larger Cabinet. There is only one Cabinet and that is the War Cabinet."

Quick Decisions in Last War

It is very much to the credit of all the Ministers concerned that they accepted their loss of status without a murmur. As for the public their one concern is for the efficient and successful prosecution of the war, which overshadows everything else. There is never much point in criticizing the machinery of control so long as it works smoothly and produces the results desired.

As to that, the wholly exceptional course which this war has so far pursued makes criticism premature. In 1914 all was different. Then, even before a month had passed, minds were already being made up that immediate change was imperative and that the war could not be run by a large, unwieldy Cabinet, helped by a War Council—which was virtually the pre-war Committee of Imperial Defence—and the executives of the War Departments with their staffs and advisers.

As a matter of fact some of the most crucial decisions in the early days were taken by two or three leading Ministers, acting hurriedly on the spur of the moment, and the Cabinet knew nothing till presented with the accomplished facts.

Lord Kitchener, one of the most secretive of men, told the Cabinet just as little as possible. It is also on record that for six weeks while the fortunes of the Dardanelles expedition hung in the balance not a single meeting of the Cabinet was summoned.

Avoiding the Sanhedrin Effect

One of the reasons why Carson resigned from the first Coalition Government of 1915 was that ordinary Cabinet Ministers were deprived of all chance to take part in shaping policy. Cabinet responsibility had become a mere pretence. Yet the ruling clique could not bring themselves to face the necessity of a properly constituted War Cabinet.

So the war had been running none too prosperously for over two years before it was reluctantly conceded that a small War Cabinet was a prerequisite to a more vigorous prosecution of operations.

It was on the method of its constitution and on the powers which Mr. Asquith should possess if he remained Prime Minister that the first Coalition foundered. Mr. Lloyd George sardonically observed: "You cannot run a war successfully with a Sanhedrin."

Then was set up for the first time a real War Cabinet, consisting of five members, only one of whom, Mr. Bonar Law, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, possessed Departmental duties. They met every morning, and often in the afternoon and evening as well, and after hearing reports as to the progress of the war since the preceding day they either discussed policy or dealt with the innumerable questions demanding immediate decision. According to the official report, "the majority of the War Cabinet's sessions consisted of meetings between members of the War Cabinet and those responsible for executive action . . . Questions of over-lapping or conflict between departments and the general lines of policy throughout every branch of the administration were co-ordinated so as to form part of a consistent war policy."

The Dominion Prime Ministers

This War Cabinet worked through a host of committees and sub-committees, and in 1918 was strengthened by the addition of General Smuts. The Dominion Prime Ministers also took part when they came to London for an Imperial Conference, and their presence virtually made it an Imperial Cabinet. So it would again if they once more came to London; meanwhile Mr. Eden's right to attend the War Cabinet's meetings gives the Dominions an indirect representation consonant with their altered status under the Statute of Wesminister.

It is, therefore, happily possible to adapt the composition of the War Cabinet to circumstances as they arise, and one of the principal lessons taught by the experiences of the Great War, the compelling necessity for greater co-ordination of the three Service Departments, was accepted by the creation of a Minister of Co-ordination who now has a place in the War Cabinet at the side of the three Service Ministers.

Whether a War Cabinet of nine or ten is too unwieldy to retain that precious unity which is more easily achieved by a smaller body remains to be seen. But even a small War Cabinet of five would provide scope for an Inner and an Outer Ring if certain members were more self-assertive than others, and the exclusion of the Foreign Secretary from the small War Cabinets of 1917-19 led to continual friction.

Mr. Chamberlain recently stigmatized as a "malicious invention" a statement which had received some currency to the effect that an Inner Cabinet had already established itself in the War Cabinet, and that he, Lord Halifax, Sir Samuel Hoare, and Sir John Simon had constituted themselves a sort of junta of superior Ministers, who first discussed important questions of policy among themselves and then presented their decisions in the form of "recommendations" to their colleagues representing the Defence Departments when they met in the War Cabinet.

The Prime Minister's personal record and his known quality of mind should have spared him the imputation of seeking to emulate the imperious role of Chatham, who sometimes despatched orders to the British Fleet without consultation with the First Lord of the Admiralty and even passed folded papers across the table to Lord Anson in Cabinet with the intimation that he should sign on the dotted line.

It is always well to remember that the most successful Cabinets are not necessarily those which contain the most geniuses. A Prime Minister called to preside over a Cabinet of all the talents might well be a little nervous remembering certain pages of the inner history of Downing-street. Mr. Asquith was known to lament sometimes that he had not in his team "more Greys and Crewes" instead of so many "very clever men."

The general principle, however, must stand that both the War Cabinet and the much larger Ministry outside should be composed of the best men available, and for this a steady flow of promotion is absolutely necessary. The negative merit of not having failed during a term of office should not in itself constitute a claim to a slightly superior post at the next distribution. If more positive proofs of energy and capacity were exacted, the gates of promotion would not be so heavily blocked.

Parting with a Colleague—

In a democratic Government efficiency requires that the rules of official apprenticeship should be severe and, as in the Services, the thinning out process should become increasingly drastic after a certain rank is reached.

The public has been very imperfectly informed as to the constitutional power—and its practice—of a Prime Minister to require the resignation of a colleague whom he considers no longer profitable. The authorities, in fact, sharply disagree. Sir William Harcourt once wrote that "a man must be pachydermatous indeed who is incapable of accepting the first hint that his room is wanted, whether he is on a visit or in the Cabinet." That is far too flattering. Such exquisite sensibility of soul is not, indeed, unknown in high politics, but it is surely the exception rather than the rule. What would Harcourt's own retort have been to Lord Rosebery if the latter had dropped a hint that he desired, or blurted an intimation that he required, a change of Chancellor?

Quicken the rate of promotion by a more rapid elimination of those who have been tried and failed. Nine-carat statesmen will not do. "Rolled gold" politicians are just brass. If politics are becoming more professional—and they are—the standards for promotion must be raised. Ambitious men enter politics with their eyes open, as they enter the Law. We shall not get better Cabinet Ministers by providing sustentation funds for the failures.

—And Bringing in New Blood

Another way of meeting a temporary dearth of first-rate ability is to bring in men from outside. One of the most successful of Mr. Lloyd George's innovations in 1916 was to gather round him in the Departments of Whitehall men of mark from outside the narrow circle of Westminster. When he called Mr. Fisher to the Education Office from the University of Sheffield he placed the control of British Education for the first time in the hands of a first-rate historian and a first-rate educationist. Mr. Prothero, the late Lord Ernle, took charge at the same time of the Ministry of Agriculture. His record compares brilliantly with that of many transient and embarrassed phantoms of recent years.

Lord Ashfield (Sir Albert Stanley) took over the Board of Trade and handled with consummate skill the railway and transport problems of the day. Sir Eric Geddes embodied all the qualities of "push and go" required to thrust official obstacles aside.

Lord Rhondda straightened out the problems of food shortage when the U-boat menace was at its worst, and Lord Maclay, as Shipping Director, provided new food ships to take the place of those which the U-boats sank.

It is true that most of these eminent personages rejoiced when their new work was done and they were free to resume their regular occupations. What vexed them most was the duty of attendance in the House of Commons and answering questions ingeniously designed to trip them up. But they did their job and did it well, and if need be others of equal energy and capacity could be found to do the same.

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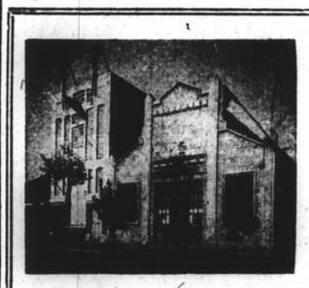
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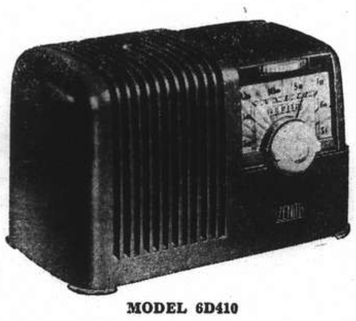
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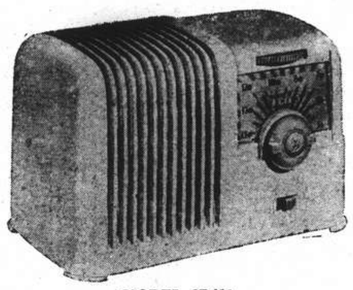
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Foyn Scores Five Goals as Foreigners Beat Chinese

Enormous Crowd See Brilliant Forward Net Two In First Two Minutes; Final Margin of 6-2

WASTING none of his attempts, Freddy Foyn, the S.F.X. star who replaced Roboostoff and played for the first time as a centreforward, scored five of the six goals for the Foreign XI in yesterday's annual Marine Engineers' Cup charity match at the Canidrome against the Chinese XI. The final margin read 6-2, with the Foreign side leading by four clear goals at half-time. Foyn scored two shots in the first two minutes to put the Chinese completely out of stride.

A milling crowd of well over 18,000 watched the contest. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, was present at the game. He kicked off for the Chinese and later presented the trophy to Adidi Costa, captain of the winning team.

Besides the substitution of Roboostoff, Al Symons of the Recs was also unable to turn out owing to leg injuries. His place was taken by Pte. A. Paget of the East Surreys. The Chinese missed the valuable services of N. Z. Lee, the Lido star who was also on the injured list, and his non-appearance caused a big shake-up. K. S. Suen filled the left-back post and T. V. Lo stepped into the forward line.

Following were the teams:—

FOREIGN XI:—W. Ward (Police), Cpl. W. Harrison (Sureys), Sgt. J. Campbell (Seaforths), J. Ward (A.S.F.), A. S. da Costa (Lusitano), Pte. A. Paget (Surreys), Pte. R. Thompson (Seaforths), Pte. H. Fraser (Seaforths), F. Foyn (S.F.X.), Bdms. H. McClarty (Surreys), L/Cpl. A. Parr (Surreys).

CHINESE XI:—P. K. Zing (Tung Hwa), K. S. Suen (Lido), Eugene Chong (Tung Hwa), K. H. Waung (Lido), N. L. Meng (Lido), Z. Z. Tsaing (Lido), T. V. Lo (Tung Hwa) C. T. Tsao (Lido), V. K. Hyui (Lido), C. S. Woo (Lido), Y. L. Chia (Tung Hwa).

Brilliant Beginning

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr kicked off against the western goal and the ball went to Costa. The pivot passed forward and during a scramble Waung fouled McClarty. Campbell, taking the kick, drove goalwards to see Foyn head the ball into the right-hand corner of the net.

From the next kick-off the ball was taken into the Chinese territory from the right where Parr did well to beat Suen on the run and crossed over for Foyn to slam a fast grounder into the far corner and put the Foreign XI two up within two minutes.

The Chinese rallied strongly. Chia and Woo combined but the latter drove wide of the post from about 20 yards out. Shortly afterwards, Harrison misjudged a header for Woo to run through. However, Paget came to the rescue and cleverly tackled the raider for the latter to shoot wild.

Fraser missed a "sitter" when he was given a nice pass by Foyn, following a free kick taken by Costa. The inside-left placed wide with only the goalie to beat from point-blank range.

Play went at a fast pace, the ball going up and down the field and visiting both goals. Hyui collided with Campbell when both tried to head the ball. The Chinese suffered concussion and was forced to retire. Ward saved well from Woo with a full length dive at the expense of an abortive corner.

Hat Trick by Foyn

In the 30th minute Foyn performed a hat-trick from another pretty movement from the right where Parr beat Suen on a high ball. The winner passed for the centre-forward to crash into the net an angular shot. Two minutes before the end of the first half, Chong conceded a corner. Thompson sent a beauty across the goal-mouth. Zing jumped to catch, but he could not hold it and permitted the leather to slip into the net for a 4-0 deficit.

Upon the resumption the Chinese scored in the eighth minute from a fine movement from Chia, who beat Jim Ward and passed over for Woo to unleash a powerful drive well out of the goalie's reach. A few minutes later the Chinese made a miraculous escape from a beautiful corner taken by Parr. The ball travelled body high, beat both Suen and Zing and hit the post on the far end. Fraser missed it for Zing to pick it up and clear right in the goal-mouth.

Willie Ward pulled another great save with a full length dive from a stinging shot from Woo. Immediately following this, in the 15th minute, Foyn netted his fourth goal from a melee. The play started with a free kick taken by Jim Ward. The ball went over to Parr who grounded across the goal-mouth. McClarty shot against the goalie. A melee ensued and Foyn finished off with a drive into the net.

Foyn missed a "certain" goal not long after the fourth goal. He tapped over the cross-bar by following up a perfect centre from Parr. However, in the 21st minute the sharp-shooting centre-forward made no mistake to beat Zing with a low drive again with the help of Parr, increasing the margin to 6-1.

In the 25th minute the Foreigners' goal fell for the second time when Chia bundled the ball over the goal-line, leaving Willie Ward on the ground. Tsao and Lo worked their way through. The latter shot a hard one at the keeper, who stopped the ball but could not hold it. Chia ran up to tackle him and succeeded in kicking the ball out of Ward's possession and putting it into the net.

Towards the closing stages the losers had more of the play, but the four-man attack failed to bring the ball within scoring distance. In the Chinese territory Fraser almost scored from a difficult angle. He directed a fast low shot which was stopped by Suen just before it went over the goal-line.

New Bout for Glen Lee Being Arranged

Desappointing "Gate" in Garcia's Fight

Manila, Dec. 26.

Jess Cortes, Filipino promoter, is attempting to arrange a bout between Glen Lee and Luis Logan, former European and Oriental lightheavyweight champion, the "Manila Bulletin" said today.

Lee is to leave for the United States tomorrow on the President Pierce, but he promised to remain if the fight could be arranged.

Logan's wife, however, is opposed to her husband's return to the ring despite his desire to fight again. He told Cortes he wanted to oppose Ceferino Garcia, the Filipino world middleweight champion who retained his title with a technical knockout over Lee Saturday night.

Although Logan has not fought for the past three years, he is in excellent shape since he continually works out and keeps in good condition. He weighs 175 pounds and thus Lee would be giving away some fifteen pounds.

Bitterness

Meanwhile, bitterness was aroused over reports appearing in the "bulletin" that Garcia would not be permitted to return to the United States unless he pays income tax on his income earned in America since 1932 plus a tax on the fight with Lee.

Because of this reported move by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, George Parnassus, Garcia's manager, cancelled the Clipper booking for Garcia.

Jack Dempsey left by Clipper plane after paying 500 pesos in revenue for the money he received for refereeing the Garcia-Lee fight.

The former world heavyweight champion was most indignant regarding the reports that Garcia would not be given clearance papers unless he pays income tax.

"It seems that the local authorities should be the last to press a claim like that against Garcia," Dempsey said.—United Press.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Goal for Foreign XI

The ball is on its way into the net from a corner kick in yesterday's Marine Engineers match at the Canidrome which the Foreign XI won by 6-2. With his back to the camera is Zing, Chinese goalie, whose efforts to stop the shot proved futile.

Tsz Ling Cup Match Won by Sokol

R.A.M.C. Hold Russians To 3-2 in Initial Half Before Losing 8-3

Scoring five goals in the second half, the Sokol eleven disposed of the R.A.M.C. by 8-3 after leading by 3-2 in the second round for the Tsz Ling Cup at the Race Course yesterday. The pace of the game was slow and had the Sokols only taken advantage of all the openings, the score would have been much greater.

Burenin, Nastavin and Bocevich, who played for Russia against China on Sunday morning, stood head and shoulders above other players, while for the R.A.M.C., Pte. Collins, at inside right, and L/Cpl. Lewis, at inside left, were the pick of the team.

SOKOL:—Bocevich, Sevriuk, Golkin, Kotliaroff, Nosukovsky, Nastavin, Stoliaroff, Sdobnikoff, Solovieff, Burenin, Ushenko.

R.A.M.C.:—Pte. Wilkes, Sgt. Higginbottom, Sgt. Plumb, Pte. Glendinning, Pte. Sothern, S/Sgt. Unsworth, Cpl. Churchman, L/Cpl. Lewis, Cpl. Russell, Pte. Collins, Pte. Sutton.

Even Play

Play for the first twenty minutes was fairly even both sides missing several opportunities to score. Sokol were the first to score when Burenin received a centre from Stoliaroff and put the Sokol ahead. Their success, however, was short-lived as the R.A.M.C. equalised in the next few minutes through Cpl. Russell who received a fine pass from Pte. Collins.

Both goals were visited, but it was only on the thirty-fifth minute that the Sokol increased their score when Sdobnikoff, receiving a pass from Kotliaroff, dribbled his way through the entire defence to put his team one up.

The R.A.M.C. atacked and equalised for the second time within a minute. In a melee in front of the Russian goal, Pte. Glendinning trapped the ball and scored into the corner of the net. Three minutes later, Sdobnikoff went through, but was fouled and Nastavin scored from the penalty. The first half ended with no further score.

The Russians started the second game with an attack upon the R.A.M.C. goal and in a few minutes scored through Ushenko who, receiving the ball from Stoliaroff near the centre line, worked his way through the entire R.A.M.C. defence and put his side up with a fast grounder.

A few minutes later, Sdobnikoff received a centre from Ushenko and scored from a few yards out. The R.A.M.C. attacked from a centre and Servriuk fouled L/Cpl. Lewis. Pte. Collins took the penalty and although Bocevich touched the ball it went in. The pace slackened after this as the R.A.M.C. looked tired and allowed their opponents to score three times more through Ushenko, Nastavin and Burenin.

Rugby League Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 25.

The following are the results of matches played today in the Rugby League:—

Barrow 26, Widnes 7
Bradford 33, Bramley 2
Dewsbury 12, Batley 6
Featherstone 16, Rochdale 13
Huddersfield 5, Halifax 20
Hull 11, Hull Kingston 10
Leeds 5, Wakefield 18
Oldham 7, Swinton 8
Wigan 12, Salford 5
York 8, Hunslet 26.—Reuter.

Christmas Hunt Great Success

Won by Culbertson on Danville; Followed by Duncan Fraser

By "The Chaser"

The important hunting event of the year, keenly anticipated by all thrusters, the Christmas Hunt, held on Chrismas Day, was laid by the Master, Mr. J. H. Liddell. The Home Country was chosen and a hard but appropriate hunt was laid and was won by Chuck Culbertson on his famous paperhunter, Danville, who was followed home by young Duncan Fraser on Don Alfonso, a "Y," who thereby qualified for the Challenge Cup.

There was the usual large crowd of spectators out to watch the big event with at least eighty thrusters on the tick of ponies. The majority of riders appeared to be carrying a few pounds in excess which is doubtless attributable to Christmas fare.

At 3.30 p.m. on the dot Mr. H. D. Rodger wished the blood-thirsty hunters a "very jolly Christmas and good hunting" on behalf of the Master and Stewards, and with customary "Ladies and Gentlemen time is up, you may go" to which he added "follow white and yellow paper". The field went cautiously from Warren Line, which was negotiated with a certain number of refusals on the part of the ponies who were not quite warmed up.

Those who reached Warren Platform without mishap went straight for Pons and thence via the bad ruts and furrows to Panama and Marah where green paper was picked up. By this time it was reported several had fallen by the wayside and Sonny Gram appeared minus his hunting cap which was doubtless lost over some jump.

The field then went slowly for the Bank Platform and soon after, paper was lost but was picked up by Rodger going towards Sakadong. On the way G. Matthews took a terrific bender, being knocked cold for several minutes; Gram went after his pony and caught it. Fortunately, Matthews was not seriously hurt and was seen at the finish.

Christmas Bath

After crossing the Rubicon Creek, green paper was again encountered. The field got away, heading straight for The Swan, taking the Swan Song, going from high to low, via the Plum Line. When the hunt reached Tiefenbachers Wade, Diniz' mount, probably feeling a bit sticky, decided to have his Christmas bath and there was nothing Diniz could do to make him change his mind. Fortunately a good Samaritan in Morey Marcus came to the rescue and cracked the pony with his whip half a dozen times. The whip had an astounding effect on Sparrow Hawk and in no time not only was he out and away but up with the leaders.

A. E. Arnold, a newly elected Steward, received the thanks and a very pretty smile from a lady whose pony he caught when she came down on the flats just before the wade. Schubert's Surprise and Sparke's Pit were both taken in good style by the field who carried on to Spence's Rubicon Finish via Christmas Wade. Here paper was lost and some twenty odds riders went astray but picked up paper again across Hungjao Road, near Wakelam's Garden and went straight for home, leaving out a portion of the hunt, and although H. D. Rodger and twenty others came home well ahead of the rest they were disqualified.

Yellow and white paper was picked up by the Mollers, Eric and Chris, and Diniz, who was followed by Duncan Fraser and Captain Powell; this group coming across green paper at Arnhold's house. Mrs. Jean Finch on Mist, was going strongly but came down on the country road, luckily with no ill effects. She remounted and led the field into Bee Line but here again she tasted earth with victory and a new pink barely two hundred yards away.

The Steward in charge of the second group decided to wait a few minutes to allow those who had gone wrong to be well ahead. Some of the latter group could be seen traversing Hungjao Road in the distance. Taking the usual route to Skinner's Jump, Dallas' Grave and Clear Water, the field then went "hell-bent for election" and Budge Moller took an almighty toss. Nearly everyone had a spill yesterday but fortunately with no serious injuries.

The card was as follows.—

Hunt laid by Mr. J. H. Liddell.
Start—Warren Line.
Finish—Bee Line.
1. C. D. Culbertson on Danville (Z)
2. D. Fraser on Don Alfonso (Y)
3. F. Kauffmann on Busted Flush (Y)
4. Chester Fritz on Tempest (Z)
5 Mrs. G. M. Liddell on Shuttleworth (Z)
6. E. B. Moller on Highlight (Z)
Challenge Cup Qualification—Don Alfonso.

The Course

Start—Warren Line, Pons, Panama, Marah Platform, Marah, Green Paper, Bank Platform, Sakadong, Christmas Platform, Rubicon Creek, Green Paper, The Swan, Swan Song, Red Josshouse, Plum Line, Tiefenbacher's Wade, Schubert's Surprise, Bolton's Platform, Sparke's Pit, Christmas Wade, Spence's Rubicon finish, Green Paper at Arnhold's house, Skinners Garden Jump, Dallas Grave, Clear Water, Family Tree Wade, Westward Ho, Pons Water Jump, Waterfront to finish at Bee Line.

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Italian Navy Defeat French

Anger on Sidelines Turned to Hot Words and Blows; Roaring Crowd of Spectators

FIELDING practically the same cleven that gave England such a hard fight on Saturday afternoon, the Italian Navy experienced no difficulty in ousting the French Forces from the Tsz Ling Cup when they beat them by a lobsided score of 8-2 before a large, roaring crowd of spectators, on Monday afternoon. Play seldom rose to great heights since the losers were bested in every department. Even Collet, the ex-star back of A.S.F., although trying his best, could do nothing to help his team from being so soundly beaten.

The game was played in a sportsmanlike manner, although once it did look likely to develop into a free-for-all. One of the spectators was seen to rush onto the field, but he was stopped from doing so by one of the Italian players and what might have developed into an ugly incident was thus averted. However, this was not the last of the incidents for in the middle of the second half, several Seaforths and Italians were involved in another one. This was also temporarily suppressed by the timely arrival of the Seaforths' regimental Police, only to start anew after the game. Several men were slightly hurt, but the appearance of an Italian officer and the Regimental Police put an end to it. The Italians played a clean game, although a penalty was given against them in the second half. Another penalty was awarded against the French when, in the opening minutes, Leonie, the French right half, fouled Pastorini in the dreaded area. Pesce, the Italian centre-forward was responsible for four of his side's eight goals. Assini scored two and Pastorini and Moretti accounted for one each. For the French, the goals were scored by Heloyan and Collet, the latter converting a penalty.

ITALIAN NAVY:—Mainenti, Abato, Martinetto, Tiesolino, Filone, Piglione, Moretti, Assini, Pesce, Cumis, Pastorini.
FOREIGN FORCES:—Forests, Collet, Roussel, Leonie, Demail, Scaptilini, Kuinker, Dinh, Vingh, Heliyan, Le Bras.

Italians Attack

The game opened with the Italians attacking and in the fifth minute, Pastorini was fouled in the penalty area by Leonie. Pesce took the shot and scored the first goal. It took the Italians no more than five minutes to forge ahead when Pastorini centred and Assini, trapping the ball, shot in to the left corner of the net.

The Italians continued to attack and only good work by Collet held them from breaking through. In the fifteenth minute, however, Moretti received the ball from Filone and raced towards the goal, beating the French backs and scoring to bring the account to 3-0 in favour of his team. The French team awoke and attempted a few attacks, but these were easily repelled by the Navy's backs.

Heloyan and Le Bras put up some useful work, but the other forwards were out of position and their work was wasted. Dinh, the French inside-right, broke through, but kicked too far and his shot was caught by Mainenti. The inside-right, charged at him and a verbal argument took place, but an incident was avoided by the action of other players. The Italians went yet further ahead, when Pesce received the ball from Pastorini and converted from a few yards, within a few minutes they scored. Pesce dribbled his way through the entire French defence and beat the goalie with a a grounder. A minute later, Pastorini brought the score to 6-0 when he beat Leonie and Collet. The French attacked, Heloyan and Le Bras tested the goalie with several good shots, but Mainenti was on the spot and handled the shots beautifully.

The French attack was short-lived and Assini scored the Italians' seventh goal. Right from the centre the French brought the ball into the Italian territory, but Le Bras' shot over the bar. Mainenti kicked a grounder out and it rolled to Heloyan who made no mistake with a roller from about fifteen yards out. The French, inspired by this goal, kept the ball in Italian territory. Mainenti was penalised for carrying and a freekick was taken right in front of the goal. In the ensuing melee, an Italian defender was pulled up for fouling and Collet, taking the penalty, decreased the score to 7-2. A few minutes before the end, the Italians scored through Pesce and the game ended with an 8-2 victory for the Italian Navy.

Second Half

The second half started with the Italians resuming their attacks, and

Chess Tourney to Continue

Schedule of Matches for This Evening

Although there will be no play in the Shanghai Championship during the holiday weeks, the tenth round in the open tournaments and the first round in the final of the Major "B" group will be played at the International Chess Club tonight. The complete schedule is as follows:—

Major "A":—Abrosimoff, Rogoff; Efimoff, Erkku; Favstritsky, Ross; Williams, Froelich; Boidman, Schultzer; Skobiaeff, Shiffsten; Odintseff, Haritonoff; Baromidze, Orjelick; Spitzer and Panchenko bye.

Major "B":—Final: Kobejsky, Roudniansky; Tokmakoff, Shaniavsky; Lange, Koptilin.

Minor:—Pollack, Vinogradoff; Price, Kohlhauser; Ivanoff, Tonnochy; Beldin, Chernosvitoff; Moknieff, Schneider; Ceatell, Uvadieff.

Little Dado May Fight In Manila

Filipino Fly Champion Making Plans

Washington, Dec. 26.

The National Boxing Association announced yesterday that Little Dado, Filipino world flyweight champion in the eyes of the N.B.A., advised the boxing group that he might make the first defence of his title at Manila.—United Press.

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Ambassador Kicks Off

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr is seen kicking off for the Chinese eleven in yesterday's Marine Engineers football match at the Canidrome which was won by the Foreign XI.

Lusitano Win While Crippled

Police Lose Once Again in First Division Football; Souza Scores Two Goals

FAILING to overcome a 10-men Clube Lusitano team on Christmas Day at the Race Course and finishing on the short end of a 2-1 score, the S.M. Police received their eighth successive defeat in the current S.F.A. League. The law officers were in the worst of form and had only themselves to blame for inability to break into the winning column.

None of the three Portuguese veterans, namely Adidi Costa, Louis Marcal and Humberto Collaco, was there in the game and the Club had to use several reservists. Before the match got under way the Police were generally expected to win their first game of the season, but the whole team fared disappointingly and in the eleventh minute gave the Portuguese a 1-goal lead.

Both teams were weak in shooting as many chances went begging in the goal-mouth. Louis Oliveira, the Clube pivot, and Varsco Souza, the Clube inside-left, were the keymen on the winning side. The former broke up numerous Police raids while the latter proved too clever for the lawmen's defence. Souza scored two goals, the second one being a penalty kick in the middle of the second half.

The teams were:—

LUSITANO:—M. Souza, C. Remedios, A. Aquino, E. G. da Silva, L. Oliveira, J. Maher, V. Souza, H. Lubeck, I. Remedios, L. Machado.

POLICE:—W. Ward, Stangaard, Victal, Simpson, Crook, Clarke, Chooktanztzeff, Bader, Westwood, McAloon, Davies.

No Inferiority Complex

Although crippled by the absence of their eleventh member, the Portuguese refused to show an inferiority complex and started out promisingly. They had as much of the play as the Police and during an attack in the 11th minute surprised the crowd by scoring an early goal. A good centre from Machado on the right put Souza within ten yards of the goal. The latter beat Victal to the ball and drove a cross shot. Ward stretched himself, but he was unable to stop it from entering the net.

The Police tried to fight back and pushed the ball forward. However, the front line lack cohesion. Davies almost tied the score when his shot hit the upright and bounced back for the defenders to clear. Towards the close of the period Bader beat Remedios and crossed over a grounder, but Westwood was not in position and the ball rolled to the right to see Davies drive wild with only the goalkeeper to beat. Shortly before half-time Chooklantzeff tried a good shot which missed the far post by a bare foot or two.

The Police showed slight improvement upon the resumption. The wind helped them to keep the ball within the Portuguese territory. After many unsuccessful attempts the lawmen at last equalized through Chooklantzeff. Westwood started the play with a high lob from a free kick. Simpson and McAloon followed up. The former tapped over the advancing Portuguese goalie for Chooklantzeff to crash the leather into an empty goal.

Police Advance

With the score tied, the Police took a new lease on life and attacked persistently. Souza saved a "certain" goal from a header from Simpson after receiving a centre from Chooklantzeff.

Breaking away in the 25th minute, Lubeck was fouled some five yards outside of the back area. Oliveira took the kick. The ball hit one of the defenders and bounced back for Oliveira to try a long shot. Crook handled and referee Droessel awarded a 12-yard kick. Souza drove a low shot straight to the keeper, but the latter failed to make a catch and the ball slipped between his legs into the net.

Both goals had narrow escapes during the remaining period. The Portuguese were extremely poor in shooting, driving straight to the Police custodian from point-blank range on several occasions. Had those shots gone a few inches wider the Clube would have won handily.

Soccer Results Here At a Glance

The results of football matches played in Shanghai during the past two days were:

FIRST DIVISION
Lusitano 2, Police 1

TSZ LING CUP
Italian Navy 8, F. Forces 3
J.R.C. 6, Parks 1

THIRD DIVISION
Russian Club 1, Hotspurs 0
Three Cultures 3, Betar 1

MARINE ENGINEERS' CUP
Foreign XI 6, Chinese 2

TSZ LING CUP
Sokol 8, R.A.M.C. 3
Area Details 4, Judeans 0
Ching Hwa 6, Xaverians 2

THIRD DIVISION
Maccabi 4, Old Westonians 1

Stalin Wishes China Victory in War

Reply Sent to Birthday Congratulations

Moscow, Dec. 25.

M. Josef Stalin's wish that China should gain a "complete victory" over her enemies was telegraphed Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today in a message voicing M. Stalin's gratitude for the Chinese leader's cable of congratulations on his sixtieth birthday.

"Thanking you for your congratulations," M. Stalin telegraphed, "I wish you complete victory over China's foes."

The cable was addressed to "The head of the Chinese State and the Chinese National Army."

M. Stalin also replied today to the congratulatory telegrams sent him by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler and Joachim von Ribbentrop German Foreign Minister. In the message to Herr von Ribbentrop he stated:

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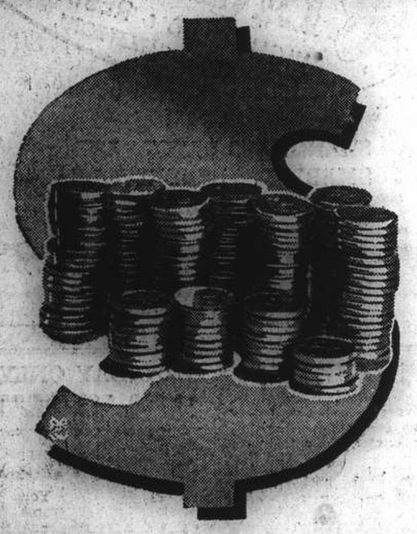

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THE POPE'S SPEECH

Of all the Christmas utterances which have been made this year in such difficult circumstances, that of His Holiness the Pope is probably the most striking. Coming as they do from the head of the largest church in Christendom the forthright condemnation of aggression by powerful countries against their weaker neighbours, the invocation of Divine retribution upon those who attack civilians, the welcome of Mr. Miron Taylor as President Roosevelt's personal representative at the Vatican, and the outlining of five points upon which peace could be based form a formidable indictment of the forces of evil on the one side and sound advice as to the direction in which peace should be sought on the other. While Pope Pius XII specifically referred to the Russian invasion of Finland which he denounced in no uncertain terms, the general effect of his condemnation applies with equal force to Herr Hitler's Government, which has not hesitated also to attack weaker nations, and when he says "Unfortunately we have had to watch a series of acts, which are irreconcilable with the dictates of international law and with the principles of natural law as well as with the most elementary of human sentiments, acts showing to what point juridical sense has been driven by totalitarian considerations," he makes a statement just as applicable to Germany as it is to Russia. Atrocities and the use of unlawful means of destruction, he continues, against women, children, and the old, contempt for human life and liberties, constitute acts crying out for Divine vengeance. It is a long time since a Pontiff has expressed himself with such directness, and it may be that as the full force of his words comes to be appreciated in quarters to which they were obviously addressed, they may very well have a profound psychological effect, for the words of a man who will thus stand out boldly and rebuke sin cannot but be ultimately good. For that reason it is feared that his remarks will not easily obtain currency in Germany, though it may readily be understood that the organization of the Church will ensure that the faithful shall hear what the Pope has said.

There is nothing in the five basic points, upon which he urges that a just international peace can be based, which is in any way unacceptable to the Allies. It is for the right of nations, big and small, powerful and weak, to live in independence that they are at present fighting for, and they are determined that never again shall one nation, through its will to live, impose the death sentence upon another. It is precisely for that that the Allies have entered in this war, and they are determined that future security of Europe shall be guaranteed by the elimination of the Hitlerian Government and all that it stands for. Then, and only then, will it be possbile to put into effect that all-round disarmament for which the Pope pleads in his second point. In a state of international security it would be possible to reduce armaments, but so long as there exists any European Government bent on enlarging itself at the expense of its neighbours the Allies cannot afford to turn their swords into ploughshares again. In his third point the Pope insists that the teaching of history and experience should serve as guides for the creation of new international institutions. It is a sad fact that mankind does not appear to learn much from the past, but seeks to solve its difficulties in terms of its own limited experience. Had European statesmen fully realized the lessons of the past, this war would never have come about; Herr Hitler would have been in no position to wage it. In his fourth and fifth points His Holiness emphasizes the necessity for examining the needs and just demands of nations, in a spirit of good will, attempting to satisfy them by every peaceful means, while he also pleaded that the leaders of nations and nations themselves should allow themselves to be permeated with a spirit of responsibility. If that last remark is directed anywhere it must surely be towards Berlin, for the Pope must indeed recognize that amongst those working for peace besides himself have been the leaders of the Allied Governments, and that it was the absence of a sense of responsibility on the part of Herr Hitler and his advisers which caused this present tragic struggle.

It is not likely that the Pope's suggested peace points will find much acceptance amongst the Nazi leaders. By implication they amount to a condemnation of all that Herr Hitler and his entourage believe in, and all that they have done since the Austrian *anschluss.* The only peace for which the Reich is fighting is a German peace, in which Germany shall dominate Europe and keep its nations under a continual threat of might. *"Deutschland über alles"* is no empty expression of sentiment, but a downright doctrine towards the achievement of which the Reich is seeking to march, just as did the Imperial Germany of twenty-five years ago. It envisages no peace based upon international justice, or for that matter any other form of justice save that of might, and at any rate in the sight of the Allies the only possible means of ensuring that the Pope's peace points should ever become effective is to make sure that those who have proved themselves by their actions to be utterly opposed to them shall be deprived of the opportunity of putting their doctrines into effect. Nevertheless, though the Pope's words are at present more likely than not to fall upon stony ground, they are not lightly to be regarded. Reference to the spiritual values which have unfortunately been disregarded too much of late comes at an opportune time. Despite the crass materialism of the present day it is important that the existence of such values should be recalled to mankind, and the necessity of their again being allowed to play their proper part in the government of the world. In this connection it may be pointed out that if this present struggle results in nothing better than the international immorality which has been allowed to make an exuberant growth since the last war, if a better concept of the relationships of the nations one with the other cannot be devised, and the world left to work out its destiny in peace, then it does not matter which side will have won the war, for it will have been proved to be nothing more than another sheer futility.

The King's Broadcast

Though His Majesty the King decided not to continue the practice of broadcasting to the Empire on Christmas Day, because it had been so personally connected with his father, the war has caused him to alter his mind. Consequently on Monday he broadcast a message to his people all over the world which was one of encouragement and inspiration. It was more, for it was a confession of faith, and when he said that he believed from his heart that the cause which binds his people together and their gallant and faithful Allies is the cause of Christian civilization, he was saying no more than what is firmly believed by millions of his subjects. To the Navy, the Air Force and the Army he sent special messages, as also to those others working in their several vocations with the same purpose in view. They are, as he said, members of a great family of nations, prepared to sacrifice everything that the freedom of spirit may be saved to the world. As His Majesty said, the New Year is at hand, and no one could tell what it would bring. If it brings peace how thankful all would be. If it brings continued struggle all would remain undaunted. It is indeed gratifying that His Majesty has reversed his original decision, for there is something particularly touching in the head of this great family of nations projecting his voice into millions of homes, breathing that deep confidence in the justice of their cause and the determination to do everything to see that it shall prevail. Particularly is this the case in connection with British residents in China, who, while they are not in the Empire, are nevertheless of it. To them the King's broadcast is a most welcome event, and it is to be hoped that at any rate as long as the war lasts, Christmas will not be allowed to pass without His Majesty talking to his people.

A Wartime Christmas

While some quarters appeared to have the idea that Herr Hitler would seize upon the Christmas Season as a time for springing some surprise or other upon the Allies, it is gratifying to learn that all was quiet on the western front, and that the men were able to enjoy the good things which were prepared for them. The large quantities of Christmas fare which had been sent across the Channel were certainly sufficient to ensure that everyone would have his share of seasonable good things, while the arrangements made for the entertainment of the men made sure that they would not suffer from boredom. Christmas during the last war was a time when on occasion the troops indulged in fraternizing with the enemy. Nothing of the sort is reported to have occurred this year, though that may be due principally to the fact that there is a considerable distance between the opposing lines, greater than was the case in many localities twenty-five years ago. Reports from Britain indicated as far back as two months ago the arrangements for entertaining the troops in their billets had been perfected, and the fact that Miss Gracie Fields was able to go over to France, and give the troops a taste of her inimitable entertaining powers, is sufficient indication that this side of caring for the men's well-being is being thoroughly attended to. With cinemas and concert-parties, and the like, much of the boredom which inaction in this present war is bringing about is successfully dispersed. Men in the Navy did not have quite so enjoyable a time, for war at sea has to be pursued with the same unrelenting zeal during Christmas as it has been since the commencement of hostilities and as a result little leave was granted, though wherever possible entertainment in the ships was given. In their Christmas and New Year message to the Fleet the Board of Admiralty emphasized the calls which were made on the Navy, and the small chance anyone has of obtaining leave, though it may be taken for granted that nothing was spared to make the holiday season as enjoyable as possible for those men who, once war has commenced, are obliged to stick very closely to their jobs.

Order to German Ships

If the report is true that all German ships at present lying in neutral ports have been ordered to set out for Germany, the Allied fleets should shortly be having a busy and, it is to be hoped, profitable time, even though the order has been given to the German crews to scuttle their ships on sighting Allied war vessels. It has been proved possible to capture such ships by promptness of action, in connection with the Dusseldorff which has passed through Panama Canal in charge of a prize crew. What is of greater importance is that apparently in order to secure as many cargoes as possible Germany is prepared to risk the loss of a large number of ships, which means that whatever supplies may thus reach her ports will have been secured at a most prohibitive cost. In the decision may again be seen that same lack of confidence in ultimate victory which was demonstrated by the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee. Obviously if Herr Hitler were so completely confident of victory as German spokesmen would have the world believe, it would pay to keep the ships in neutral ports until the end of the war, when they could immediately be put back into service again, instead of running the grave risks of many of them being destroyed for whatever cargoes the remainder might be able to get into Germany. The order seems, therefore, to be the result of counsels of desperation, for rather than see them pass into the hands of the Allies at the end of the war in reparation for the losses which are at present being inflicted upon them, the Reich would prefer to see its mercantile marine sent to the bottom. It is quite understandable if there exists considerable doubt in Berlin as to the outcome of the war. If there is none, and the order has been given merely to secure extra supplies which may be brought in by such vessels as can manage to escape the Allied blockade, then the Reich may pay very dearly for them, though here again such an order must reflect strangely upon the German claims of having plenty of supplies with which to prosecute this war.

Christmas Passes

Christmas, 1939, is rapidly vanishing down the corridors of time, leaving in its wake pleasant memories for some, sombre memories for others, and, perhaps, uncomfortable memories for those who take Christmas celebrations too literally. In Shanghai the bright, mild weather was greatly enjoyed, although many people believe Christmas can be celebrated only in conditions suggestive of the Arctic which forces humanity to seek the comfort of roaring fireplaces. Wartime conditions cast their shadow over local celebrations and the festival of the birth of the Prince of Peace was observed with much less ostentation and needless lavishness than before, although there was no surrender of the essential personal details and characteristics traditionally associated with Christmas. There was a restrained sense of entertainment revealed at most functions whether private or public, and an appreciation that excessive expenditure is almost criminal in these times. The reduction in the number of Christmas cards despatched must have been great and the funds of many charitable associations benefitted accordingly. The Christmas card habit is a pleasant habit, for it reveals the intimacy and friendliness of human relations at a period of the year when cordiality is inspired by the historic nature of the festival, but it is only right that it should be restricted, considering the money involved can be put to better uses. As far as England is concerned, no such motives inspired the absence of cards. The censors simply stopped them all on grounds of public safety.

IN PARENTHESIS

Senior Bores' Club

GAD, sir! If only we were 20 years younger!"

"By jove, yes, sir! That would be deuced awkard!"

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Putting Him in His Place

A "SPECIAL" on a Sunday evening, while on duty told some young boys to stop playing so noisily in the street.

One boy answered, "Can it, Special! A real cop has just gone past, and he said now't."

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"Always Open"

THE sirens wailed and a mother and two sisters groped out of bed and began hurriedly to dress in the dark. The mother kept asking, "What time is it?"

After her third query, a daughter replied, "Oh, never mind the time, mother. The gates of Heaven and Hell are open day and night."

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Ultimatum from Helen

HELEN is eight, and the only child. She was being hauled over the coals by her mother for some offence.

Her father had been called up.

Helen knew the strength of her position.

"If you shout at me again," she said, "I shall go back to school and get myself evacuated. Then you'll have no one to talk to."

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War is Hard

A HELPER on a train taking evacuees to a seaside town was trying to console a little girl who was crying bitterly.

"Don't cry, darling," she said, "You are going to a lovely seaside place."

The child said, indignantly: "It isn't the place you're going to. It's the people you leave behind."

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Master of Indecision

A CORPORAL was drilling some young militiamen. "Left turn....about turn....right turn....left turn."

One youth fell out and the corporal halted the squad and then walked across and asked, "What is the matter, sonny?"

"Matter? Who can work with a fellow like you? You don't know your own mind two minutes together."

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Health Hint

WE learn from an unimpeachable source that it is believed in usually well-informed circles that the consensus among those best qualified to judge is that certain information which, we are credibly informed, comes from an authoritative quarter is now under consideration by usually well-informed and unimpeachable circles in... writes Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

But hush, girls! Back to your knitting of coloured rissole cases for the well-dressed Militiaman! The column is invaded by a swarm of authoritative and well-connected censors' devils, who have come to cut off our winged words with their blunt shears!

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Bertie Writes:

SIR,—What would "The Iron Duke" have said had he lived to see the day when a private soldier would have the right to walk out with him when off duty?

No one realizes more clearly than I do that in time of national emergency all classes of the community must "bury the hatchet" and "pull together," but I don't hesitate to say that this new regulation allowing officers and other ranks to be seen together when not on duty is calculated to turn war into a farce. Many thinking people agree with me.

May I further encroach upon your valuable space to suggest to the proper authorities that in future they shall construct air-raid shelters with two separate entrances—one to be marked "Gentry" and the other "The Masses." A sound precedent for this distinction is to be found in our great national game, the Players taking the field from one side of the pavilion and the Gentlemen from the other.

In conclusion, it may interest your readers to learn that my little dog, Victoria, has given birth to two splendid male puppies, which I propose to call "General Gamelin" and "Mister Hore-Belisha" respectively.

Faithfully yours,

Albert ("Bertie") Togbury-Snagglewaite, Hon. Colonel of the West Worthing Messenger Boys Light Infantry and Physical Training Instructor to the Girls of the Trees Auxiliary Corps.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

December, 25, 1939	Min.	32.0	Max.	48.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	30.0	Max.	38.5
Rainfall nil.				
Yesterday	Min.	33.0	Max.	53.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	31.8	Max.	43.0
Rainfall nil.				

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	26.4	Max.	55.8
Same date, 1938	Min.	29.1	Max.	44.2

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 25th:—High and steady pressures over China and Japan. The typhoon, over the Pacific, is inclining northeastward. Fine and cold weather with winter monsoon along the China Coast.

State on the morning of the 26th:—Fine and cold weather. Heavy hoar frost. Westerly breezes. Normal and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather, cloudy in places, with regular winter monsoon along the China Coast and over our regions.—Siccawei Observatory.

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The King Broadcasts Christmas Message

Praise for Unprecedented Unity of Empire; Tribute to Fighting Services; Allies Now Struggling for Christian Civilization

London, Dec. 26.

"WE feel in our hearts that we are fighting against wickedness, and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is assured," declared King George in a broadcast to the Empire yesterday, in the course of which he paid warm tributes and sent greetings to the fighting services. "I believe from my heart," he said, "that the cause which binds together my peoples and our gallant, faithful Allies is the cause of Christian civilisation. On no other basis can true civilisation be built." "Let us remember this," he added, "through the dark times ahead and when we are making peace, for which we all pray." The broadcast was made from the King's study in Sandringham House. His Majesty spoke into the same microphone he used for his first Christmas broadcast two years ago. At that time the King intended not to continue the practice of broadcasting on Christmas Day, because it had been so personally connected with his father, but his broadcast yesterday was because of the war.

His Majesty had Christmas luncheon with the Queen and two Princesses in the big dining room, and a few minutes before 3 p.m. he went alone to his study, waiting for the red glimmer above the microphone telling him that he was in touch with the whole Empire.

"The festival which we know as Christmas," the King began, "is above all a festival of peace and of home. Among all free peoples, love of peace is profound, for this alone gives security to the home.

"Our true peace is in the hearts of men, and it is a tragedy of this time that there are powerful countries whose whole direction and policy are based on aggression and suppression of all we hold dear for mankind.

"It is this that has stirred our peoples, and given them a unity unknown in any previous war.

Fight Against Wickedness

"We feel in our hearts that we are fighting against wickedness, and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is assured.

"At home, we are, as it were, taking strain for what may lie ahead of us, resolved and confident.

"We look with pride and thankfulness on the never-failing courage and devotion of the Royal Navy, on which throughout the last four months has burst a storm of ruthless and unceasing war.

"And when I speak of our Navy today, I mean all men of our Empire who go down to the sea in ships—the mercantile marine, mine-sweepers, trawlers, drifters—from senior officers to the last boy who has joined up.

"To everyone in this great fleet I send a message of gratitude and greeting from myself as from all my peoples.

Gallant Air Force

"The same message I send to the gallant air force which, in co-operation with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence. They are daily adding laurels to those their fathers won.

"I would send a special word of greeting to the armies of the Empire, to those who come from afar and, in particular, to the British Expeditionary Force.

"Their task is hard. They are waiting. Waiting is a trial of nerve and discipline, but I know that when the moment comes for action they will prove themselves worthy of the highest traditions of their great service.

"To all who are preparing themselves to serve their country on sea or land, or in the air, I send my greetings at this time.

"The men and women of our far-flung Empire, working in their several vocations with one same purpose, all are members of a great family of nations, which is prepared to sacrifice everything that the freedom of spirit may be saved to the world.

Mother Country Grateful

"Such is the spirit of the Empire, of the great Dominions, of India, and of every colony, large or small. From all alike have come offers of help, for which Mother Country can never be sufficiently grateful. Such unity in aim and in effort has never been seen in the world before.

"I believe from my heart that the cause which binds together my peoples and our gallant and faithful Allies is the cause of Christian civilisation. On no other basis can true civilisation be built.

"Let us remember this through the dark times ahead of us, and when we are making peace, for which all men pray.

"The New Year is at hand. We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall be. If it brings continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted.

"Meanwhile, I feel we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to read to you: 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of years, give me light that I may tread

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Christmas Address In France

French Premier States Determination to End Tyranny of Aggression

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Dec. 25.

"We shall not take the initiative in inflicting new sufferings besides those which already prevail but we shall return blow for blow" said M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, in a Christmas broadcast to the French nation.

"For more than 100 years" he went on "Germeny has fought her wars on other peoples' territory. This time we shall keep an exact account of all her crimes.

"We are fighting not against other people but against war itself."

M. Daladier reminded his listeners of the victims of aggression. All people might now understand that they could not prevent aggression by trembling before the aggressor.

Putting up a barrage of courage and determination, we Frenchmen have already made up our minds that we are determined to fight this dreadful tyranny to the end," the Premier added.

"We are fighting for the future of France and the future of the entire world and all the more can we be courageous since we know we are stronger and more determined."

Concluding, M. Daladier addressed the French fighting forces: "I was one of you twenty years ago and I have not forgotten it. You are united in your great task and I want to assure each of you that I understand you.

"For my part I am also doing my duty. While you defend our country we are making it secure."—Reuter.

European War Likely To Spread

United Press President Takes Gloomy View

New York, Dec. 26.

The European war will be intensified in 1940, and more nations, now neutral, will probably be drawn into it, Mr. Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press Associations, said in a radio broadcast yesterday.

Mr. Baillie said it is inconceivable that Belgium and the Netherlands can remain neutral if the war reaches major proportions.

Mr. Baillie outlined the difficulties met with in covering the present war. He said the war is being handled by a larger reportorial force than covered the Great War. He emphasized the importance of fast communications in reporting the war.

Preparations are being made by the United Press to meet all conceivable situations which might develop, he asserted.—United Press.

Rumania Firm on Wish For Peace

Ready to Defend Country If Attacked

Bucharest, Dec. 25.

Rumania's standby peace but, at the same time, determination to fight back if attacked, were reaffirmed by King Carol today in two Christmas Day speeches in the towns of Oradeamare and Cluj, near the Hungarian frontier.

"On the occasion of this Christian holiday, I wanted to come among you," the monarch declared at Oradeamare.

"Rumania," he added, "is particularly attached to the cause of peace . . . We have not the slightest intention of taking what does not belong to us, but we intend to defend what is ours."

At Cluj, King Carol emphasized the necessity for close unity among all Rumanians and for full co-operation between all sections of the population in the cause of a united nation.—Havas.

Senator Urges U.S. to Influence Japan

Violence in China Should Not Be Tolerated

Washington, Dec. 26.

Senator William H. King, Democrat from Utah, said yesterday that the United States should "urge Japan to cease violence and abrogate her claims for paramouncy" in China.

"If we enter a new treaty with Japan," the Senator declared, "there should be a renunciation on her part of demands for paramouncy in China. This is a good occasion for us to urge peace in China and urge Japan to cease violence there and abrogate her claims for paramouncy.

"I would not want the United States to shake hands with Japan while they are destroying Chinese people. Forty millions Chinese have already been driven from their homes and ten millions were killed or wounded. This is one of the most terrible chapters in history."—United Press.

Australian Contingent Lands in England

London, Dec. 26.

The first Australian contingent, consisting of members of the Air Force, has landed at a south coast port, it was announced today.—United Press.

Pope Condemns Contempt for Human Liberty

Five Points Listed As Foundations for Just Peace

London, Dec. 25.

"Atrocities and the unlawful use of means of destruction, especially against non-combattants and evacuees, against women, old people and children, and contempt of liberty and human life, are acts which call for divine vengeance," states the Pope in a Christmas message to the College of Cardinals.

"We have had to witness a series of acts incompatible with international law, natural law, and the laws of humanity," the Pope goes on. "These acts reveal how much juridical sense has been distorted by totalitarian considerations.

"This category includes premediated aggression against small, laborious and pacific nations, on the pretext of a menace which never existed and was even possible."

Declaring that he envisaged with horror the consequences of war, the Pope says: "Those responsible for the destiny of peoples should be able to define at the opportune moment the fundamental points of a just and honourable peace and not refuse a priore to negotiate if the occasion arises."

Five Points

The Pope gives five points as the foundations for a just international peace:

First, an assurance of the independence of all nations;

Second, an end to the armaments race;

Third, juridical institutions must guarantee the loyal and lawful application of the agreement, and arbitrary and unilateral interpretations of the conditions of the treaty must be avoided;

Fourth, the needs and just demands of the nations and peoples, also their minorities must particularly be considered, if necessary by means of just, wise and acceptable revisions of the treaties;

Fifth, those who govern peoples must be imbued with a sense of their great responsibility.

At the close of his address the Pope thanked President Roosevelt for his noble and generous effort to restore peace.

Other high personalities, whose names he did not wish to mention, had also approached him with efforts to restore peace, the Pope adds.—Reuter.

Stalin's Relations with Hitler Altered

Finnish Campaign Lowers Moscow's Position

Paris, Dec. 26.

A change of relations between Hitler and Stalin resulting from the Soviet campaign in Finland was noted and commented upon in the press here today.

Pertinax, well-known political commentator, writing in "L'Ordre," pointed out that "there has been a certain reversal in the relations between Hitler and Stalin."

"Up till now, Hitler needed Stalin more than Stalin needed him," the writer said. "Until November 30 the Soviet dictator had a free hand and could look down upon the Fuehrer whose armies were fighting on land and sea. The Finnish campaign and the blows dealt the Soviet Army therein compel him now to treat the Reich with respect. This is Herr von Ribbentrop's opportunity to regain ground. We shall soon know whether the co-operation between Berlin and Moscow will exert itself in a new style upon Scandinavia the Balkans, and elsewhere."

"However, Stalin would do well to be cautions for since the meetings of the League of Nations in Geneva France and Great Britain are making less and less distinction between Berlin and Moscow," Pertinax concluded.

Commenting on the same subject, Mme. Genevieve Tabouis, diplomatic editor of "L'Oeuvre," had this to say:

"Before the Finnish war Stalin, from the depths of the Kremlin, treated Hitler as a little boy whom he was certain never to need unless it were to carry out his task of destroying Europe. Since the war, the Red Army has been judged upon its merits and many are wondering if the roles will not be reversed and if Stalin will not soon need Hitler."

California Clipper Delayed

Manila, Dec. 26.

The California Clipper was delayed today at Guam and will arrive in Manila tomorrow. It will leave for Hongkong on Thursday and return to Manila on Friday, departing for the United States on Sunday. Air mail closes on Saturday night.

The China Clipper is to leave for Guam tomorrow. Air mail closed at 7 p.m. today. The China Clipper is to arrive in San Francisco on January 1, Manila time.

The Honolulu Clipper is now at Guam and is to arrive in San Francisco on December 30, Manila time.

The Philippines Clipper is to arrive in Manila on January I and leave for Hongkong the following day.—United Press.

War Film Depicts Actual Combat Between Allied and German Planes

Pictorial History of British Raid on Kiel Told In Great Picture; French Air Victory Displayed

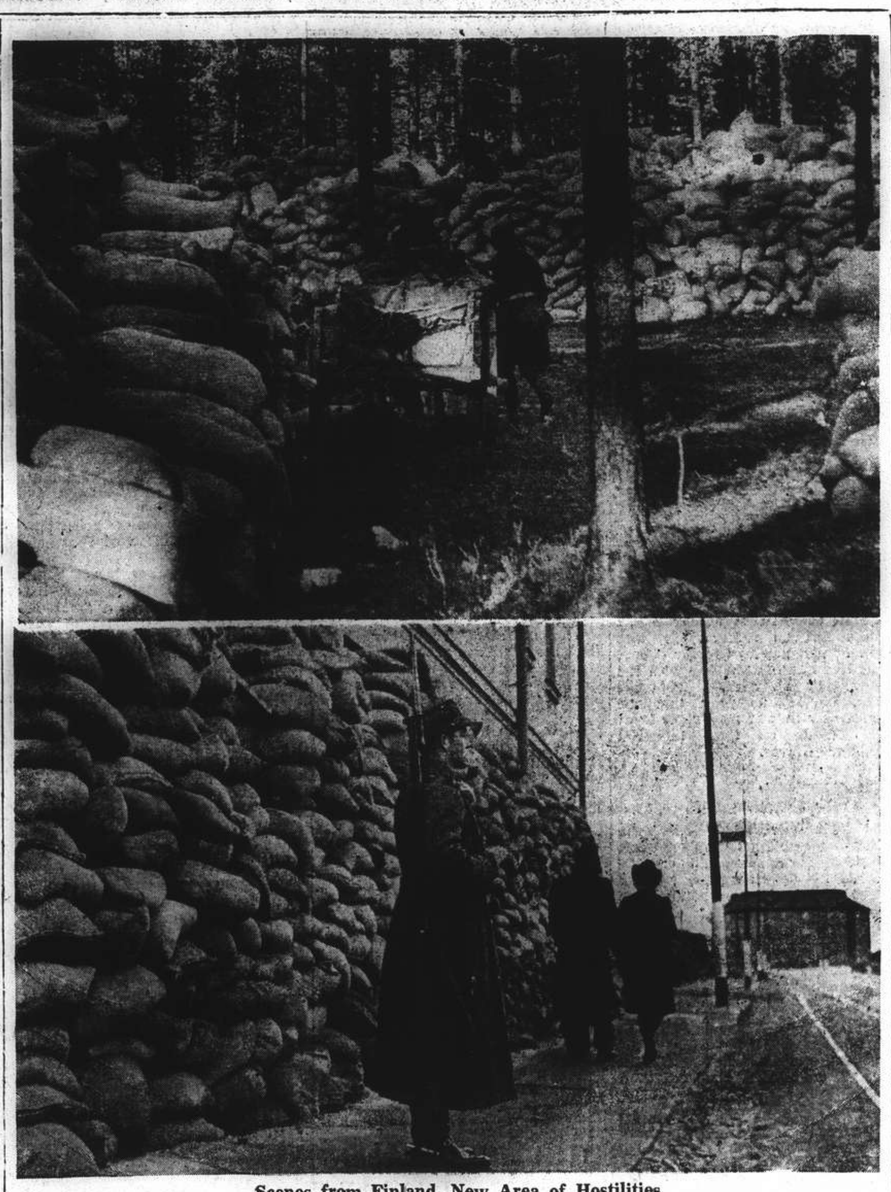
Paris, Dec. 25.

A film taken in the course of Allied raids over Germany, or reconnaissance flights and during thrilling aerial fights, had its gala premiere when "The Lion Has Wings," due to come to Shanghai, was shown at the Champs Elysées yesterday.

A select audience of celebrities attended this first showing of the sensational film which, among other things, showed in detail how British planes first raided the Kiel naval base and how nine French pursuits attacked a squadron of 27 German fighters, shot down nine and put the rest to flight without suffering a single loss.

"The Lion has Wings" was filmed, thanks to the co-operation of the Royal Air Force and the French Air Force, which permitted warplanes in line of duty to carry the cameras which have made possible this thrilling picture.

The film was acclaimed yesterday as a milepost on the road of photographic progress. It is to be presented in the near future throughout the British Empire and, according to a special announcement, will be shown in Shanghai, too.—Havas.



Scenes from Finland, New Area of Hostilities

The whole world has acclaimed the stout resistance of the Finnish army against the Soviet Russian invaders. These scenes give an idea of what the Russians are encountering. Upper picture from Helsinki shows a forest glade near the border being prepared for sandbag barricades. Below, from Viipuri, 30 miles from the border, a deserted street since the evacuation of most of the town's inhabitants. Viipuri is now being bombarded by Soviet long-range artillery.

Allied Leaders Hearten Men With Christmas Messages

Navy Thanked for Excellent Work Done; Troops in France Celebrate; Gen. Gamelin Addresses Army

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 26.

"AS the war at sea must be pursued with the same unrelenting zeal during the Christmas season as it has been since the beginning of the war, there will be few opportunities for officers and men of the Fleet to spend Christmas with their families," says the Board of the Admiralty in a Christmas and New Year message.

"Their Lordships," it goes on, "thank all officers and men for the devotion to duty, determination and enthusiasm which animated the Fleet in the past four months."

"With the spirit of the Fleet as it is," the message adds, "Their Lordships look forward with confidence to the war at sea in the coming year and wish success to all those who will be fortunate enough to get in contact with the enemy."—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 26.

The British Expeditionary Force spent a cheery but icy Christmas.

Mist prevented the Duke of Gloucester from reaching his regimental mess for lunch, so he, Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief, and the Chief of Staff lunched in an almost deserted dining-room at a small hotel in a town near General Headquarters.

Men of the Royal Air Force had a jolly party with village children.

Duty watches were maintained by all R.A.F. units in France throughout the day, but many men were able to enjoy Christmas dinner in their billets.

Several hundred airmen received a surprise visit from Miss Gracie Fields, the famous British actress, who arrived at the men's decorated dining hall. She was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm and cheers. She sang several songs.

Later, Gracie sang to a crowded, cheering and appreciative audience in a cinema behind the lines at a concert broadcast by the B.B.C. The audience joined in the singing of old war songs. The concert concluded with Christmas carols.—Reuter.

Only Small Raids Disturb Peace

Paris, Dec. 26.

Military observers state that the last 24 hours on the Western Front were extremely quiet.

The Germans, they add, attempted several raids, but they lacked punch and were easily repulsed.

There were no important aerial engagements, but the French claim they made 26 successful reconnaissance flights.

The latest French communique says that a German patrol was repulsed by French fire east of the Moselle.—Reuter.

C.-in-C.'s Message

Paris, Dec. 25.

Taciturn Generalissimo Marie Gustave Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies, broke his habitual silence today to issue a stirring Christmas Day message to the men of the French army.

"Upon the approach of the new year, the General Commanding in Chief addresses his warmest best wishes," the message began.

"The fine deeds of our soldiers, the immense works already completed and the greatness of our cause are pledges for our success.

"On the field of battle as well as behind the lines, whatever may be the enemy's manoeuvres, in the moral as well as the military war, once we shall hold out and be victorious."

Generalissimo Gamelin's words, it was pointed out carry all the more weight for his well-known aversion to optimistic, sentimental addresses or statements. One of his pet sayings is that optimism is a luxury no military man can afford.

Orders of the Day

Since the outbreak of the war four months ago, he has issued only two orders of the day, both of them kept secret until today.

In the first, issued on October 14, just before the Germans launched their first attack operations, he stated:

"Heavy fighting may be expected from minute to minute and once again in our lifetime, the fate of the country will depend on the outcome.

"France and the whole world have their eyes on us.

"Take heart and make the best use of your arms. Remember Marne and Verdun."

In the second order of the day, issued on November 25, he recalled the first German attack of October 16 and declared:

"We have seen the Germans develop their preparations but until the present, they have not dared to launch a large-scale offensive.

"For the time being await events, firm in your positions, and continue your work."

Restraint in Paris

Christmas Day celebrations in Paris took place as usual, but were marked by an under-current of discretion caused by the state of war and necessities of anti-air raid defence.

Despite unavoidable minor difficulties, Paris marked Christmas Day in observing traditions as far as possible and churches in the city and its suburbs were crowded.

A grand mass was held in the morning at the Notre Dame Cathedral, where Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, personally conducted the service. No midnight mass was held in Notre Dame this year, but instead such services were held in all churches in France and prayers for peace were uttered.

At Madeleine Church, one of the most beautiful in Paris, the midnight service was marked with the usual solemnity. Mozart's Mass in D and hymns by Handel, Cesar Frank and Gabriel Faure were played on the organ.

Christmas celebrations outside, in night clubs and private homes, went on until 2 a.m. by special permission, and it was noticeable that uniforms, French and British, predominated in the cabarets and other places of entertainment.

While inside everything was gay and festive, to the person outside, Paris remained the sombre, blacked out city that it has been the past four months, however. Thick curtains shrouded all windows and no precautions were eased.—Havas.

President Roosevelt Speaks

Washington, Dec. 25.

"At this moment," President Roosevelt broadcast today, "a year which began in fear of calamities, is coming to an end in the horror of another war which has just deepened the anguish and the burden of sufferings imposed on the world by the inhumanity of man to man.

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Tientsin Agreement Believed Near

Britain Not to Give Way On Any Vital Points, London Circles Stress

London, Dec. 26.

Information reaching foreign embassies here yesterday touching Far Eastern activities indicated an important development in Anglo-Japanese relations soon and it was expected that the Government would announce the settlement of the Tientsin dispute shortly after the new year. It was believed the settlement would be brought about through an agreement on the silver problem.

Negotiations, however, were described as envisaging no British sacrifice of vital interests.

It was recalled that Britain and Japan were reaching an accord last July on a scheme maintaining security inside the British Concession at Tientsin. However it was shelved when negotiations collapsed in August as a result of Japanese demands that the Chinese silver at Tientsin be turned over.

It was understood, however, that a joint policing arrangement will be embodied in the impending settlement.

Japanese circles here hoped that an amicable settlement would make it easier for Britain to deal with the projected "Central Chinese Government" on the basis of gradually approaching normalcy. Inquiries indicated that the Chinese here are more disquieted concerning the possibility of the United States making concessions to Japan than over British concessions.—United Press.

Consuls Return

London, Dec. 25.

Four months after the outbreak of hostilities, the last batch of British consular officials formerly stationed in Germany reached Rotterdam from the Reich today, it was reported tonight. The officials and their families were kept in the Reich pending the return of German officials from the distant outposts of the British Empire.—Havas.

Demand for Bonds, Silver

New York, Dec. 26.

Britain's huge war time demands for jute and cotton from India created enormous demands for silver bullion and bonds to compensate sellers, it was reported yesterday. It was understood that Britain is presently endeavouring to hold the price of silver at a minimum of 37 cents.—United Press.

Finns Break Through into Soviet Territory

Fierce Fighting, Heavy Bombings Mark X'mas Day; Huge Russian Losses Since War Began

Helsinki, Dec. 26.

IN celebration of Christmas Day, hundreds of Soviet planes flew over Finland yesterday and dropped bombs on several places. Besides Helsinki, the capital, where the inhabitants were compelled to spend most of their time in air-raid shelters, the Russians bombed important railway centres and some large towns.

It is reported that at least 13 Soviet planes were brought down during the day. One crashed outside Helsinki, which was raided by some 30 planes on two different occasions. An unsuccessful attempt was also made to bomb the Helsinki airport.

One centre receiving the special attention of the Soviet machines was the Ruehimacki railway junction. At the town of Porvoo, on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, nine civilians were killed by bombs.

The virtual destruction of two Russian companies in the region of Kuhmi is claimed in a Finnish communique issued today regarding the fighting on the eastern front. Those who escaped death are said to be in flight.

The statement reports "persistent Soviet attacks near Loimola," and claims that at Liksaa the Finns have carried operations into Russia territory.

It also says that Finnish batteries at Kolvisto were attacked unsuccessfully by a Soviet cruiser and Red planes.

On account of ice in the Gulf of Finland, the communique adds, naval operations are becoming increasingly difficult.

Huge Russian Losses

"The war has cost the Russians enormous losses, with entire companies and regiments cut up and scattered," says an official Finnish statement reviewing the first three weeks of the war.

"The fire of the defenders," the statement declares, "raked line after line of the attacking troops, who were mercilessly driven at us by their commanders.

"More than 200 tanks have been destroyed or captured, dozens of enemy warplanes brought down, dozens of guns and hundreds of machine-guns captured.

"Our losses have been comparatively slight."

The statement claims that the Russians have suffered particularly tremendous losses in the Mannerheim Line area and on the Karelian Isthmus, where "they have been forced to pay heavily for every square yard gained."

Finnish airmen are stated to have shown daring skill in battles over the Isthmus, and to have inflicted heavy losses on the Russian air force.

Repeated, violent Russian attempts to break the Finnish lines are said to have failed everywhere.

"Enemy pressure," the statement adds, "has been the heaviest north of Lake Ladoga. After the withdrawal of outposts in the early days of the war, our defence crystallised along the Loimala sector, agnirst which the Russians "concentrated their efforts in vain."

"The Finnish land, sea and air forces," the statement concludes, "are still displaying that unquenchable fighting spirit which has already given the enemy and the whole world a proof of the quality of the defenders."—Reuter.

Viipuri Bombarded

Viborg, Dec. 26.

The Russian Big Bertha last night resumed its bombardment of Viipuri which was started on Sunday night, firing from a range of 25 miles. The first shells were heard at 7.40 last night.

Meanwhile, an official communique said the Finnish forces threw the Russians back across the Russian frontier eastward from Leiksa and northward from Lake Ladoga. Fighting is now going on on Russian soil for the first time since the commencement of hostilities, the announcement said.

Official quarters learned that Russian troops attacked Viipuri on Sunday after artillery preparation. Fighting in that sector continued yesterday, it was said.

Between lakes Vaux and Muola there was terrific artillery fire on Sunday.

Early yesterday afternoon six Soviet planes heavily bombed Viipuri. From our high vantage point on our hotel balcony, frequently ducking inside as big chunks of shell fragments clattered on nearby roofs, we saw huge jets of fire, smoke and pieces of buildings shoot up in the outskirts of the town a few hundred yards away. Then there would be a great column of black smoke.—United Press.

Into Soviet Territory

Helsinki, Dec. 25.

Christmas Day in Finland was featured today by the penetration of Soviet territory through the Lieksaa breach by smiftly-advancing Finnish troops who were among the few units to see heavy action on this holy day, an evening Finnish General Staff communqué reported.

"It was a relativeiy calm day in Karelia," the communiqué declared, "with local artillery activity in the main.

"A Soviet attack of secondary importance along the River Taipale was repelled and the Red Army lost one tank. Another Soviet attack was

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Sub Forbids Rescue Of Danish Crew

Ship That Attempted to Pick Up Sinking Sailors Warned Away by U-Boat

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 26.

It is reliably learned that when the Danish collier Scotia (2,400 tons) sank after being torpedoed in the North Sea on December 9, the Danish ship Hafnia (2,301 tons) attempted to rescue the crew.

A voice from the German submarine, however, ordered them to steam away, saying if they effected a rescue they would also be torpedoed.

The 21 members of the Scotia's crew were then reported to have perished.

Losses Decline

Ten British ships with a total tonnage of 6,581, and eight neutral ships with a tonnage of 10,839, were sunk last week, according to an Admiralty statement.

The British steamer Inverlane (9,141 tons), it adds, was mined last week and has been burnt out, and must now be considered a loss.

The British losses and their tonnage were the Pearl (196 tons), Companous (270 tons), Serenity (487 tons), Isabella Greig (210 tons), Active (135 tons), Zelos (227 tons), Trinity NB (203 tons), City of Kobe (4,373 tons), River Earn (203 tons), and Eileen Wray (227 tons).

Neutral losses were composed of two Danish, four Swedish, one Norwegian and one Panamanian vessels.

On December 16 the Norwegian steamers Foina (1,674 tons), and Glitrefjell (1,568 tons), and the Swedish vessel Lister (1,362 tons) were sunk, but the news arrived too late for inclusion in last week's total.

Against the German loss of 32,565 tons by the scuttling of the Columbus has been set the British and neutral loss for the week of 17,420 tons, showing an excess of German loss of 15,145 tons.—Reuter.

Discovery Attacked

New York, Dec. 25.

Brief words of drama flashed on ether waves today when the British ship Discovery reported that she was being pursued by a U-boat. The message, intercepted here by Mackay Radio, suddenly was cut short, however, right after the vessel had given her position as being south-east of the Azores Islands.—Havas.

Norwegian Steamer Sinks

Oslo, Dec. 26.

Following an explosion while ten miles off Bergen, the Norwegian steamer Lappan (500 tons) sank within a few minutes yesterday. The ship was on her way to Great Britain from Oslo when the disaster took place.

The thirteen members of the crew were all saved and taken to Bergen. It has not yet been ascertained whether the explosion was caused by a mine or a torpedo.—Havas.

Captured German Ship Goes Through Locks

Large Crowds See British Prize Pass Panama

Balboa, Panama, Dec. 26.

Large crowds of spectators lined the Panama Canal yesterday to watch the transit of the captured German 4,930-ton steamer Dusseldorf, which was the first war prize ever to go through the Canal with a prize crew aboard.

The vessel, which was seized by the British cruiser Despatch some time ago off Chilean territorial waters, was flying the British naval ensign astern above the Swastika, and her decks were patrolled by British bluejackets with fixed bayonets.

Special precautions were taken by the American authorities in view of a rumour that the Germans might attempt to run the ship aground in the narrow section of the Canal.

This is believed to be the reason why a tug preceded the Dusseldorf the whole way, and towed the vessel through the Culebra Cut, which ships normally navigate under their own power.—Reuter.

Japan Urged to Lay Claim to Large Area Of Land in Antarctic

Territory Now Occupied by Britain Stated to Have Been Explored by Japanese in 1912

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

Claiming that a Japanese scientific expeditionary party was the first of any country to set foot on South Pole soil, the South Antarctic Expeditionary Society voted today to urge the Diet to make an official declaration of Japan's claims.

The Society pointed out that Lieut. Nobu Shirase and his party raised the flag of the Rising Sun on antarctic territory south of New Zealand in 1912, the "Nichi Nichi" chain of newspapers reported. The area explored by the Japanese party was about 12,840 square miles, about the same size as Hainan Island. The territory claimed by the Society for Japan, it was stated, is now recorded as belonging to Great Britain.

Copies of a previous declaration was handed recently to the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Norway and Sweden through their embassies or legations in Tokyo. Steps were also taken through the Japanese Foreign Office to notify the National Geographic Society in London and Washington of Japan's claim and to insist that the territory be described as belonging to Japan on official maps.

Since the achievement of Lieut. Shirase and his party happened nearly 30 years ago, the Society pointed out, the feat had been nearly forgotten. The Society is composed of Lieut. Shirase and 30 surviving members of his party.

At this time when the securing of natural resources is becoming more and more important under wartime conditions, the Society said, the non-recognition of Japan's claim cannot be overlooked.—Domei.

Conference to Make Peace Suggested

Mr. De Valera Broadcasts To United States

Dublin, Dec. 26.

Mr. De Valera, Premier of Eire, today, in a radio address to the United States, proposed the convocation of a conference between the high officials of the belligerent countries with a view to settling the present European conflict.

Mr. De Valera declared that the two countries—Eire and the United States—sympathised with the peoples who had to undergo the horrors of war, and added that in modern warfare, both victor and vanquished are forced to go through a terrible period of privation and suffering after the years of conflict.

This latter fact, the Premier went on, made it imperative that some settlement be arrived at now.

"It will be necessary, at the end of the war, to attempt a settlement by conference. Common sense suggests that we attempt this now before the ravages of war are fully felt," Mr. De Valera concluded.—Havas.

Japanese Reported Heading for Indo-China Border

Chinese Mass Tank Attacks Fail; Three Battles Raging in Central China

Chungking, Dec. 26.

THE Japanese forces which are advancing south-westward from Nanning in the direction of Lungchow, to reach the French Indo-China border for the purpose of occupying the important border pass of Chengnankwan, are still east of Lungchow, according to Chinese reports. A Chinese dispatch from Kweilin claims that Japanese troops were engaged by the Chinese at Changyu, west of Suilu, approximately half-way between Nanning and Lungchow, on the afternoon of December 23, and that they suffered more than 400 casualties.

The Chinese High Command on the South Kwangsi front declares in a statement that Japanese forces north-east of Nanning are continuing to offer stubborn resistance. Chinese troops, therefore, it adds, are at present gradually closing in on the Japanese, who are now holding out at Kunkunkwan, where there is a temporary lull, the only feature being considerable Japanese aerial activity.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting is said to be continuing at Paotou and Kweisui, in Suiyuan. In South-East Shansi, Chinese forces are reported to be engaging the Japanese in strect fighting in Changchih, after the Chinese had succeeded in forcing their way into the city through the north gate.—Reuter.

Tank Attacks Broken

Canton, Dec. 26.

Chinese attempts to copy Soviet tank mass-attacks in Kwangsi were foiled when two Japanese Army groups outflanked a force of 10,000 Chinese in the Kowtong sector, 70 kilometers north of Nanning, on Sunday, field dispatches reaching here today stated. Out of 32 tanks, brought to the Kowtong area from Hunan, nine were captured by the Japanese forces, the reports claimed. It had taken one month for the Chinese to mass these mechanized units in Kwangsi, they added.

Japanese army and naval aircraft, operating unopposed over the battle-field, played a major part in this successful manoeuvre in which the Chinese sustained heavy losses, the dispatches added. The Chinese copy of the Soviet tactics had failed to take into account the absence of air co-operation, it was pointed out. In other respects, the Chinese movements followed line for line the Soviet instructions, with which the Japanese field officers, however, are familiar since the Nomonhan encounter of last summer.—Domei.

Japanese Capture Lungmoon

Hongkong, Dec. 26.

Japanese troops advancing north along the Tsengkiang River, a tributary of the East River, occupied Lungmoon yesterday, a Waiyang dispatch to the "Kung Shan Jih Pao," a local Chinese commercial daily, said today.

Advancing north from the Tsengshing district, 50 kilometres east of Canton, the Japanese columns had successfully defeated various Chinese forces under Gen. Yu Han-mou, commander-in-chief of the Twelfth Group Army, to reach Lungmoon, 110 kilometres northeast of Canton, the report said. Lungmoon is a highly strategic town in the rugged Kwangtung hills northeast of Canton.

Thousands of Chinese Central and Yunnan Army troops were reported today to be pouring into Kwangsi Province as the Chungking Government took steps to bolster defence forces in that area, according to press messages received here today.

Three divisions of the 11th Group Chinese Army reached Liuchow on Friday, the messages said, and since that time additional forces have been arriving daily. The first arrivals, the 11th, 14th and 63rd divisions of the Central Army, forming the basic forces under the command of Gen. Chen Cheng, commander of the Yunnan-Kwangsi order defence forces, had been standing by in the southern part of Hunan Province and reached Liuchow by crossing the Kwangsi border on the newly-opened Kweiling-Liuchow Railway, the messages said.

Yunnan forces under Gen. Lu Han, formerly stationed in southern Hunan have been arriving nt Liuchow since Friday over the Hunan-Kwangsi Railway. Gen. Lo Cho-ying, commander of the three Central divisions that arrived Friday, was understood to have opened headquarters at Liuchow.—Domei.

Three Battles in Central China

Hankow, Dec. 26.

Taking the initiative against Chinese troops massed for a projected "winter offensive" in three Central China provinces, Japanese forces today were engaged in sanguinary encounters in areas north west, south and south west of Hankow, a summary of field dispatches reaching here showed.

Japanese staff officers placed Chinese losses in these various encouters, many of which began a week ago, at more than 15,000 killed alone. This large number of casualties was attributed to the fact that in several instances the Chinese had been outflanked, while the Japanese air force wrought havoc among these immobilized Chinese forces.

In central Hupeh province, Chinese troops which besieged in large numbers the small Japanese garrisons at Tapaowan, on the north bank of the Han River, and at Tunghsingchen and Changchianieh, began a general retreat on December 22, when Japanese relief columns launched a counter offensive from the east and the north, the reports said. The Japanese air force, besides attacking the Chinese troops in the field, bombed and destroyed the Chinese pontoon bridge across the Han River at Changnaoyuan, the sole avenue of retreat for the Chinese, according to the dispatches.

These stranded forces were then subjected to a systematic mopping up both on land and from the air, the dispatches stated. These operations were still continuing, although air observations showing the banks of the Han River strewn with Chinese dead and dying, according to the reports.

South of Hankow, two separate engagements were under way. The Chinese Central 77th and 98th Divisions, supported by the 140th and 144th, were being subjected to a fierce Japanese attack by detachments surrounding the Tienchingshan mountain, north west of Tungcheng near the Hunan-Hupeh border. These Chinese troops belong to the forces under Gen. Kuan Lin-cheng.

North east of Tungchen, Japanese troops which crossed the Lu River from Tashaping, on Sunday had outflanked the Chinese 19th and 107th Divisions entrenched on the north bank of the waterway, according to field reports. The Chinese had advanced to areas south of Tsungyang from the guerilla base at Chiukungshan.

Japanese detachments which recently defeated five Chinese divisions under Gen. Lo Cho-ying in action south of Fengsin to occupy the Chinese guerilla base at Shakuling, 70 kilometres south west of Fengsin in Kiangsi, were reported here today to be pursuing Chinese forces retreating along the highway skirting the north bank of the Chin River. The Chinese were said to be heading to the south-west in disorder.—Domei.

I.R.A. Men Mutiny In Prison

Disturbances Spread to North Ireland: Dublin Magazine Raided

Belfast, Dec. 26.

Following the seizure by followers of the outlawed Irish Republican Army of arms and ammunition from an Irish Army magazine at Dublin on Sunday, trouble spread to northern Ireland on Chrisumas day when 60 interned members of the I.R.A. mutinied and set the Berry Gaol afire.

The prison was surrounded by large forces of police as the fire was extinguished.

Raids were carried out all over Belfast last night and scores of I.R.A. suspects were arrested.

The fire lasted for five hours. The 60 mutineers, who had been interned for the duration of the war, overpowered three wardens and locked them in cells. They then set bedding afire and smashed furniture to feed the flames.

The 60 men then leaned from cell withdows singing Republican songs and shouting slogans to the crowds gathered in the street. They displayed two Republican flags.

They made a final stand against police and firemen wielding bottles and boards studded with nails. Firemen directed their hoses upon the prisoners after the police had unsuccessfully stormed their barricades, and forced the prisoners to surrender.

One of the placards displayed by the prisoners said, "England is the champion of freedom. Is this freedom?"—United Press.

Magazine Looted

London, Dec. 25.

Reports from Dublin state members of the Irish Republican Army last night raided the magazine of the Eire army's fort at Phoenix Park and stole large quantities of arms, ammunition and equipment. They removed their loot in lorries which were kept waiting outside the fort.

The raid was discovered by a park attendant, who noticed the telephone wires had been cut. He set out to notify the police, but was held up and struck over the head with a revolver. Now he lies in hospital in a critical condition.—Reuter.

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48 Perish in Spanish Shipwreck

Lisbon, Dec. 25.

Forty-eight people, including the captain of the ship, perished when the Spanish vessel Purita Perez piled up on rocks along the Atlantic coast of Algarve province in the region of Real San Antonio. Only four men escaped alive from the shipwreck. The boat herself was demolished by pounding waves.—Havas.

Allied Leaders Hearten Men with Christmas Messages

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safely unto the unknown, and he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

"On this day of war and sorrow in many other lands," the President said, "we who still live in peace should not limit celebrations of our happy destiny. Let us rather pray that power be given us to live for others, let us live more in keeping with the teachings of the sermon from the Mount, and let us pray that the peoples now at war may read, learn and meditate on these immortal teachings."—Havas.

400 Die in U.S. Over Week-end

New York, Dec. 25.

Christmas celebrations over the week-end claimed a toll of 400 dead, the authorities announced today. Of the total, 224 deaths were due to car accidents, while the rest mainly were suicides or drownings.—Havas.

Herr Hitler at the Front

Berlin, Dec. 25.

Herr Hitler is spending Christmas on the Western Front, according to the official news agency.

On Saturday, it is reported, he visited the Grossdeutschland Regiment and a reconnaissance squadron at a field air base.

Yesterday he visited an anti-aircraft battery and inspected many pill-boxes. He spent the evening touring various points near Saarbruecken.—Reuter.

Observance in Chungking

Chungking, Dec. 25.

Chinese newspapers here this morning all carried special articles on the occasion of Christmas and the 24th anniversary of the Yunnan revolution, which overthrew Yuan Shih-kai when he aspired to the throne.

"This is China's third Christmas since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities," declares the "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government.

"The spirit of Christmas represents love, peace, justice and freedom. The spirit of Christmas can only be realised when there is peace and justice in this world."

"At the same time," the paper adds, "the spirit of the Yunnan revolution shows that the Chinese are willing to make any sacrifices for the preservation of their freedom. We are sure the hearts of Christians all over the world are with us today."—Reuter.

Criticism of American Note to Belligerents

New York Press Speaks On Narrowmindedness

New York, Dec. 26.

Criticism of the note sent by the 21 American Republics to Germany, France and Great Britain bringing their attention to the 300 mile safety belt established off the coasts of the American hemisphere South of the United States was voiced by the press here today.

The note was dispatched in connection with the violation of this zone by British and German warships on December 13 last.

The general opinion of the press is that the note was either too vague or not effective enough.

The "New York Herald Tribune" stressed that the note has little chance of being accepted by the countries to which it was sent. The paper said that the attitude of the American Republics was not consonant with international law and that it did not sufficiently take into consideration the necessities of war which compel the belligerents to adopt an attitude which allows nothing to interfere with their interests.

"It would seem," the paper added, "that the advocates of the safety zone take a rather narrow-minded view of the present conflict and do not give thought to the possibility of the United States being drawn into another war in which case she would be quite embarrassed if her vessels were refused the right to seek even a temporary refuge in neutral ports, particularly if the refusal were based on the principles invoked at present."

The "New York Times" pointed out the difficulties which would be raised by any decision to patrol the safety zone with warships.

"Whether the zone will become a reality or not depends in the first instance not only on the measures which may be taken by the American Republics but mostly on their ability to convince the belligerents that it is desirable to avoid the risk of losing the support of American public opinion by an act of war near our coasts, and that measures can be taken to strengthen the zone, which would not favour one side to the detriment of the other" the paper concluded.—Havas.

Tokyo Under Snow

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

Tokyo today awoke to find the capital under a thin blanket of snow as a high pressure area over Japan conspired with a low atmospheric pressure zone south of Hachijo Island to provide the first visible sign of winter.

The snowfall, which was erratic as it was mixed with a drizzle at times, lasted from 12.30 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the morning. The first snow of the winter was three days behind the annual average, although it was nine days earlier than last year's. The temperature, however, was normal for this time of the year.—Domei.

Finns Break Through Into Soviet Territory

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launched at Suvanto, between Sakkola and Volosaula, after artillery preparation. Fighting there is continuing.

"There was rather great artillery activity between Muolajaervi and Ykjaervi, while on the eastern front, in the Loimola region, the Finns destroyed one Soviet tank.

Two Companies Annihilated

"Finnish forces advancing from Lieksaa carried operations into Soviet territory and in the Kuhmo area, at Vaerauoki, Finnish troops annihilated practically two whole Soviet companies of soldiers. The rest of the enemy troops are in flight. A tank and two field guns were captured.

"The enemy put up a new show of resistance in the Suomasalmi region. There is nothing else of importance to report about land operations.

"On the sea, there was only reduced activity. Soviet light units carried out a number of reconnaissance operations.

"The Soviet cruiser Marat bombarded Finnish coastal artillery batteries at Koivisto from a great distance, and the same batteries were also attacked without success by Soviet warplanes," the communique concluded.—Havas.

Moscow's Claims

Moscow, Dec. 25.

A total of 971 Finnish troops were killed and 35 men taken prisoner in "serious clashes between reconnaissance units on the Karelian Isthmus" yesterday, according to a Soviet communique issued here today.

"Otherwise, nothing important occurred on the front," it adds.—Reuter.

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The King Broadcasts Christmas Message

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Worldwide Reception

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 26.

Message from many parts of the world report excellent reception of the King's broadcast on Christmas Day.

Melbourne stated that reception was good throughout. Hongkong reported 100 per cent. reception, while Ascension Island, in the south Atlantic, said reception was excellent.—Reuter.

Broadcast to Merchant Navy

London, Dec. 25.

The King's message to the merchant navy, broadcast at midnight on Christmas eve, said:

"It has not been possible for me to send a Christmas card to each member of the British Merchant Navy and fishing fleet, as I have done to members of the fighting forces, because our ships are so widely scattered over the seven seas. Instead I send to each one of you this personal Christmas message of goodwill and good cheer.

"You are facing special perils, which in these days surround seamen, with coolness, courage, fortitude, which are the admiration of all at home, and I know I speak not only for myself but for all your fellow countrymen when I wish you a happy Christmas."—Wireless through Reuter.

Pearl River Reopened Partially to Shipping

Hongkong, Dec. 26.

According to information from Japanese official circles today, the Pearl River, which was closed to all navigation on December 17, was reopened yesterday. The same conditions which prevailed before December 17 were restored.—Domei.

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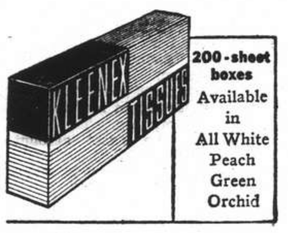

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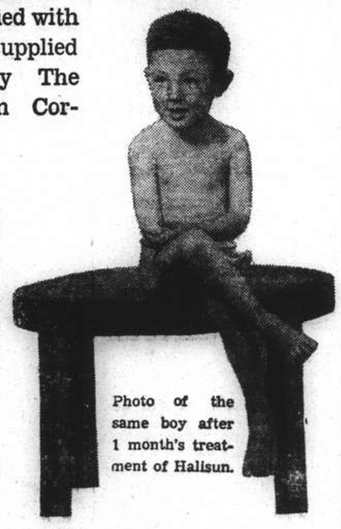

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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ajers and family returned from long-leave over the Christmas holidays.

Chief-Inspector and Mrs. O. B. Perkins and family of the Shanghai Municipal Police were among those returning to Shanghai from long-leave over the week-end.

Mrs. Despard, the famous Suffragette leader died at Whitehead, County Antrim, on November 8 at the age of 95. She was a sister of the late Lord French, who later became Viscount Ypres.

The Nantao area will be formally declared open to the general public beginning from January 1, 1940, according to reports emanating from reliable sources, says the "Sin Wan Pao." All holders of old and new "citizen's permits" will be admitted without restrictions, the report adds.

The Limbless Fund rummage sale, which is being held in the Union Church Hall on December 29 (Friday), is still in need of fodder in the way of clothing, toys, and articles of any description. Helpers are also urgently required all day on Thursday and for the sale itself on Friday morning.

A sum of $100,000 has been donated by General Chiang Kai-shek for the relief of indigent Chinese students in Yunnan, says a Kunming Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The fund was entrusted to Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, who arrived in Kunming recently for a tour of inspection of various educational institutions.

Mr. Huang Wen-shan has been appointed by the Kuomintang to make an inspection tour of the United States to study Kuomintang affairs among overseas Chinese bodies, says a Hongkong Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Mr. Huang, the report adds, left Hongkong for the United States on December 24.

The Chinese Ratepayers' Associations in the two foreign municipal areas have urged their members to display Chinese national emblems on New Year's Day, but to refrain from holding any meetings or other organised activities, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The display of Chinese national emblems on New Year's Day in the two areas is provided for under an agreement reached with the Settlement and Concession authorities.

An attack launched by Japanese troops at Tsinganhsien, about 160 kilometres north-west of Nanchang, in Kiangsi, on December 24 was repulsed by Chinese troops, says a Siushui Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." After losing more than 420 officers and men and 186 rifles in a 3-hour sanguinary battle, the Japanese are said to have withdrawn towards Fenghuhsien, their original base.

A monster torchlight parade was held in Changsha, capital of Hunan, on the night of December 25, to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, a movement which gained momentum in opposition to the monarchical scheme of General Yuan Shih-kai, says a Changsha Chinese message to the "National Herald." More than 100,000 persons took part in the long and impressive procession.

Details procedure governing the payment of capital and interest accruing from the 7th drawing of the Consolidation Bonds, classes "A" to "E," which fall due on January 31, 1940, is being considered by the Ministry of Finance of the Chinese Government, according to reliable financial circles, says the "Sin Wan Pao." The Ministry of Finance may shortly make an announcement regarding the payment, which is expected to be made in full to bondholders, the report adds.

All exports of goods to the Japanese shall be treated as smuggled goods and be liable to confiscation, says the Ministry of Finance of the Chinese National Government in a statement to the Chekiang Maritime Customs Administration, according to a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." This is irrespective of whether such goods are banned or not by the recent regulations issued by the Ministry of Finance, the report adds. Chinese products which are banned can only be shipped to non-occupied areas. In the event that such goods are being shipped to occupied areas or supplied to Japanese, exporters will be severely punished, the report concludes.

A comprehensive programme for the reconstruction of Honan has been mapped out by the provincial government, with stress being laid upon the development of rural co-operatives, says a Loyang Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." A sum of $9,000,000 has been earmarked by the provincial authorities for the establishment of co-operative societies, the report states. Plans have also been mapped out for the promotion of the weaving industries, the report adds. A sum of $800,000 has also been allotted for carrying out river conservancy and irrigation projects in the province. Another sum of $80,000 has been voted for the development of sericulture. A sum $200,000 will be spent on the training of agricultural personnel. Other plans concerning reafforestation and highway construction are being studied, the report concludes.

The report that the former wife of General Chiang Kai-shek known as "Miss Mao" was killed on December 12 when six Japanese 'planes bombed the Generalissimo's native district Chikow, Fenhwa, in east Chekiang, has now been confirmed for the first time by a reliable Chinese source. A niece of the late "Miss Mao" wrote a letter to a person in Shanghai and it was brought to the attention of the "Sin Wan Pao." The niece's letter testified that "Miss Mao" met her death when her house collapsed, it was stated by the paper yesterday. The late "Miss Mao" was the mother of Chiang Ching-kuo, elder son of General Chiang who was educated in Soviet Russia. Young Chiang was previously reported to be in disagreement with his father over national policy, especially when General Chiang was leading a campaign against the Chinese communists in Kiangsi. As General Chiang is now fighting the Japanese in full cooperation with Chinese communists, his son is giving him full support.

Chinese Refugees Observe Xmas

14,000 at Tunsin Rd. Camp Share in Celebrations by Salvation Army

This was the first year that the Chinese refugees celebrated Christmas in the No. 1. Camp Tussin Road of the Shanghai Relief Association since the Salvation Army took over the management six months ago. There are now altogether 46 sheds, 21 of which are of wood structure and the rest are reed matsheds. The number of refugees in the camp on Christmas Eve came to 14,910, 5,090 of which were children of different ages. The Cantonese refugees occupy practically all the matsheds.

The celebration began on Christmas Eve. Every shed, from No. 1 to 46, was nicely decorated with lanterns and other colourful paper ornaments, all with Christmas meaning, by refugees themselves who contributed a little to the expenses and who competed each other with the beautiful decorations in their own sheds, with the result that No. 2 shed for women won the first due to much artistic and literary value in their ornaments. Much credit should be given to Miss Bernadett Fan, the shed controller, who ably directed everything in such a way that everybody in her shed must be happy on Christmas Day.

The staff of the camp in joining with the refugees in the celebration also had all their offices beautifully decorated with Christmas trees, hollies etc. etc.

Gifts from the Army

In the afternoon, the Salvation Army officers distributed over 5,000 small packets of estables, such as oranges, peanuts, biscuits, etc. to the children in the camp. These small packets were donated by the Salvation Army as Christmas gifts to the children.

In the evening modern Chinese plays were given by the members of the staff in the Hall which was nicely fixed too. The plays given were either of comic or anti-superstition nature. The school played an important role in musics and other acts. The hall was filled to capacity and many refugees were out of luck to see the show, due to the restriction of admission tickets which were given gratis to the refugees in the day. Everything was orderly throughout the day and nothing special happened in the camp as everybody was happy, enjoying the feast.

The camp director, Adjutant Fu, had a very busy day in arranging everything to make all refugees and staff happy in the camp. A great many attended the Service on Christmas Eve in which Christmas songs were sung and a touching sermon was preached by Captain Lui, the Acting Assistant camp director, who afterwards led many new converts of both sex to the platform to receive blessing.

Adjutant Fu was appointed to take charge of the camp just a few days after his return from England where he underwent a further training on different works of the Army at the Denmark Hill College, London. Prior to this camp work Adjutant Fu was in charge of three camps of the International Relief Committee, under the direction of Brigadier Morris who was in Nanking when the present trouble began and rushed to Shanghai to offer his help. He was at once appointed Chairman Relief Section, International Relief Committee which ran at one time six refugee camps, three of which Nos. 2, 4, 5, were in charge of the Salvation Army.

Armed Robbers Keep Busy

Gunman, Thought Japanese, Steals $1,580

A lone man armed with a pistol, and believed to have been a Japanese, forced his way into 840 North Szechuen Road at 9.40 p.m. on Monday evening and after intimidating the occupants, decamped with $1,580 in bank-notes. Detectives from Hongkew Police Station are making enquiries, but up to a late hour last night, no arrests had been made.

Five men, three armed with pistols, got away with $20,000 when they held up the occupants of House 9, Lane 60, Tamsui Road at 6.30 p.m. on December 24. No shots were fire. Detectives from Chengtu Road police station are investigating but no arrests have been made so far.

Christmas Day proved unlucky for a Japanese passenger of a public rickshaw who was attacked by 10 unarmed men in an alleyway East of the Dah Woo Dai Theatre, Kiukiang Road, shortly after 1.15 a.m. on Monday. Greatly overpowered, he was unable to prevent the thugs from relieving him of Yen 300, $20 and a wrist-watch. Detectives from Louza police station are investigating the case.

Pope Issues New Appeal for Peace

Pope Pius, in a message to the College of Cardinals, made another peace appeal, declaring "it is necessary to set forth the fundamental points necessary for peace, which the Governments would be willing to negotiate."

Terrorists Go Into Action Over Christmas Holidays

Four Killed, Two Injured in Three Shooting Affairs Monday and Yesterday; Police Forces Kept Busy

FOUR persons were killed and two injured when terrorists in Shanghai went into action during the Christmas holidays. It was believed that the three shooting affairs which occurred on Monday and yesterday all have political backgrounds and detectives at the various police stations in charge of investigating the cases are working hard in an endeavour to break up this new wave of terrorism which seems to gain momentum each day following the Chinese rumour that a large number of gunmen has been sent to Shanghai for the purpose of perpetrating attacks against persons believed to be connected with the Wang Ching-wei movement.

Six shots were fired by an unknown number of assailants at point-blank range outside the Welton Cabaret, 1127, Yu Yuen Road shortly before 4 a.m. on Christmas Day and two Wang Ching-wei supporters fell to the ground mortally injured. All efforts on the part of doctors to save the lives of the two men, one of whom was stated to have been an officer of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's armed guard, proved fruitless.

Soon after the shooting-affray, a "North-China Daily News" reporter who was near the scene at the time, faced automatic sub-machine guns in the hands of Special Municipality soldiers on Yu Yuen Road and was forced to slow down his car. When the soldiers, who were accompanied by two Japanese gendarmes, ascertained that the only occupant of the car was a foreigner, they motioned him to drive on. There were a total of 60 such Chinese soldiers standing across Yu Yuen Road opposite Mr. Wang Ching-wei's residence and all traffic had to submit to a thorough search, Chinese passengers in cars being forced to leave their vehicles and to submit to a search of their bodies.

The shooting was heard in the vicinity and notwithstanding the fact that Special Municipality policemen near the scene, dashed to the entrance of the Chinese cabaret immediately, the assailants managed to escape.

Shen Ming-shu, believed to have been an officer of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's armed guard, was shot in the doctors of the St. Luke's No. 2 Hoschest and all efforts on the part of pital, Brennan Road, to save him, proved fruitless. The other victim was Ho Hang-ken, a silk merchant, who was believed to be in some way connected with the Wang Ching-wei movement, and he sustained a shot-wound in the head and expired at the Red Cross Hospital, Avenue Haig, soon after he was admitted.

Later in the day, Japanese gendarmes came to the hospitals and fetched the bodies while extensive searches were conducted throughout the Chinese territory in the western district. Up to a late hour last night, no arrests had been made.

The S.M.P. made no investigations into the case as the attacks had occurred in territory outside their jurisdiction.

Pandemonium in Pharmacy

Just as a banquet was getting under way at the Chen Sin Teh Pharmacy, at the corner of Connaught and Gordon Roads at 8 p.m. on Monday evening, a number of gunmen, dressed in foreign-style clothes, walked in and drawing automatic pistols, fired some 20 shots with the result that Li Chien-fu, 49 year-old manager of the pharmacy and one of his apprentices were killed, while a guest was injured.

The gunmen did not appear to have a definite victim in mind when they started shooting and when pandemonium broke out following the attack, they had no difficulty in making good their escape through the main door.

While the reasons for the crime were not known, it was believed that there may have been a political motive and detectives attached to Gordon Road police station are at present investigating the case though no details on the affair have been made available.

Chinese Professor Wounded

Mr. Huang Yu-lueh, a professor at the Chinan University, was shot and wounded as he left his home at No. 3, Lane 40, Route Say Zoong shortly after 9.30 a.m. yesterday. He was injured in the stomach and the arm and was rushed to the St. Marie Hospital, Rue Pere Robert, where an operation was performed. The condition of the victim is stated to be satisfactory and every hope is held by the doctors to save his life.

The two gunmen who perpetrated the attack dashed off in a waiting motor car and a lone Chinese witness of the affair was unable to raise an alarm as he was threatened to be shot if he should do so.

Mr. Huang is understood to have told the police that he has no political affiliations and that he had never received threatening letters. French Concession detectives investigating the case, while following up the theory that personal revenge may have been the reason for the attack, are also investigating whether or not there is a political back-ground to the shooting.

Up to a late hour last night, no arrests had been made. The witness of the affair was held for questioning.

WEDDING

Berger-Siemssen

In the presence of all members of the small foreign community at Taihoku, Formosa the wedding took place on December 16 of Mr. Francis G. H. Berger of Shanghai and Taihoku and Miss Margaret Siemssen of Foochow and Shanghai.

The religious service, which took place at 3 p.m., was preceded by a civil ceremony, held in the offices of the British Consulate at 11 a.m. Housed in the three century old Dutch fort, the Consulate had been tastefully decorated for the ceremony by Mrs. C. H. Archer. Afterwards the happy couple were entertained to lunch by the British Consul.

At the church service which was conducted by the Rev. J. Dickson, the bride was given away by Mr. F. C. Hogg, Mr. John Hurden acting as best man. Miss Agnes Siemssen, who arrived from Shanghai for the wedding, was the only bridesmaid. At the organ, Mr. J. Emmerson (Acting U.S. Consul) played Wagner's and Mendelsohn's Bridal Marches and also accompanied songs sung by Mrs. G. Warner of the American Consulate.

The church was charmingly decorated with flowers and at the close of the service all present were invited by Mr. F. C. Hogg, doyen of the local foreign community, to the Foreign Club where an archway of fruit laden orange boughs and flowers awaited the bride and bridegroom.

During the reception, and after a speech by the best man, the bride's sister read out a number of best wishes and congratulations from the bride's mother and other relatives and friends. Mr. H. Keen acted as usher. The happy couple will make their home in Taihoku where the bridegroom is engaged in business.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

China's Nov. Foreign Trade

Net Imports Amount to $84,009,560 ; Total For the Year $1,245,416,359

ACCORDING to the monthly returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the foreign trade of this country, net imports during November 1939, totalled $84,009,560 ; net exports $133,502,108. January-November figures were $1,245,416,359 and $905,118,659, as against $814,121,693 and $703,020,251, respectively for 1938.

Net Imports (in thousands)

Including Bond Withdrawals

	Nov. 1939 C.S.$	January-Nov. 1938 C.S.$	January-Nov. 1939 C.S.$
Cotton P. G. Grey	56	10,772	2,587
Piece white or dyed	687	8,898	7,087
Piece printed	227	1,193	3,576
Piece miscellaneous	225	517	1,274
Cotton raw, yarn	9,147	13,711	165,300
Cotton manu., sundry	248	2,702	3,003
Flax, ramie, hemp	1,559	13,370	19,656
Wool and manu.	1,431	17,672	25,109
Silk	1,373	14,760	24,459
Metals and ores	5,601	60,920	67,883
Machinery and tools	3,133	49,719	55,975
Vehicles and vessels	4,278	31,436	42,818
Metal manu.	2,464	27,046	30,996
Fishery products	2,593	8,531	15,062
Canned goods	1,439	8,956	15,508
Cereals and flour	11,199	126,293	210,598
Fruits, seeds	2,387	11,626	24,821
Medicinal goods	2,005	6,186	12,413
Sugar	1,746	18,047	51,128
Wines, beer	442	2,514	5,695
Tobacco	1,647	19,129	35,648
Pharmaceuticals	3,879	54,021	71,408
Dyes, varnishes	2,398	28,716	42,417
Candles, resins, etc.	7,950	82,936	101,910
Books, maps, paper	3,799	40,783	56,682
Hides, leather, etc.	631	4,051	6,840
Timber	2,763	19,754	32,112
Bamboo, straw, etc.	1,209	5,827	10,933
Coal, fuel, tar	1,542	18,007	25,642
Chinaware, etc.	222	3,330	4,902
Stone, earth	390	3,448	5,371
Sundry	5,021	99,233	66,496
Grand Total	84,009	814,121	1,245,416

Net Exports (in thousands)

	Nov. 1939 C.S.$	January-Nov. 1938 C.S.$	January-Nov. 1939 C.S.$
Animal products	21,793	106,362	175,732
Hides, leather	1,202	18,352	21,981
Fish products	230	2,502	3,153
Beans and peas	873	2,312	7,094
Cereals	2,103	3,108	24,215
Dyestuffs, vegetables	298	938	2,526
Fruits, preserves	1,202	8,881	11,647
Medicinals	2,211	10,693	18,442
Oils, tallow and wax	7,220	50,686	50,922
Seeds	1,143	17,593	19,988
Spirituous beverages	162	1,115	1,580
Sugar	1	87	419
Tea	1,967	30,354	17,648
Tobacco	724	8,341	9,324
Vegetables	774	9,496	10,907
Vegetable products	1,091	5,487	7,795
Bamboo	102	1,849	1,601
Fuel	3,809	14,954	28,615
Rattan	8	103	79
Timber	629	2,789	4,377
Paper	1,286	7,198	7,818
Textile fibres	31,263	154,056	150,812
Yarn, thread	11,048	57,437	73,698
Piece goods	8,543	22,208	50,102
Other textiles	4,358	13,444	27,169
Ores, metals	16,673	102,747	95,415
Glass, glassware	904	883	3,923
Stone, earth	1,628	5,198	9,697
Chemicals	2,873	7,088	13,668
Printed matter	400	3,017	2,972
Sundry	6,769	33,727	52,483
Grand Total	133,502	703,020	905,118

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES :
Value of Gold and Silver : by Countries

	Gold Nov. 1939 G.U.	Gold January-Nov. 1938 G.U.	Gold January-Nov. 1939 G.U.	Silver Nov. 1939 $	Silver January-Nov. 1938 $	Silver January-Nov. 1939 $
Imported from						
British India	—	231,108	—	—	—	—
Great Britain	—	281	336	—	372	—
Hongkong	—	6,561,638	—	—	—	—
Japan	—	—	—	—	—	824
Total Imports	—	6,793,027	336	— *	372	8241
Exported to						
Burma	—	—	406,793	—	—	—
FrenchIndo-China	—	—	—	—	—	1,044,000
Great Britain	—	—	—	—	6,771,153	—
Hongkong	—	615,725	986,071	—	72,162,668	898,622
Kwangchowwan Leased Territory	—	—	—	—	1,330,168	2,943
Total Exports	—	615,725	1,392,864	— ‡	80,263,989	1,945,565§

*Bank-notes, face value Chinese $65,000,000 were imported during the month.
†Not including nickel and copper subsidiary coins, value $2,375,599 and bank-notes, face value Chinese $374,790,721, Hongkong $272,089, Yen 9,570,000, English £3,000 and U.S. $220,000
‡Bank-notes, face value Hongkong $5,500, and Australian £300 were exported during the month.
§Not including bank-notes, face value Chinese $4,238,696, Piastres 10,168, Singapore $3,725, Guilders 4,440, Hongkong $343,500, Yen 750,000, Philippine Pesos 489, English £45, Canadian $329, Indian Rupees 4,637, U.S.$1,435, Siamese Bahts 46, Australian £516, and South African £13.

Value of Merchandise

	November 1939 G.U.	November 1939 $	January-November 1938 G.U.	January-November 1938 $	January-November 1939 G.U.	January-November 1939 $
Gross Imports	31,309,453	—	358,474,966	—	509,621,902	—
Less Re-exports Abroad	275,260	—	2,921,191	—	3,362,371	—
Net Imports	31,034,193	84,009,560	355,553,775	814,121,693	506,259,531	1,245,416,359
Gross Exports	—	133,715,050	—	703,942,734	—	907,652,551
Less Re-imports from Abroad	—	212,942	—	922,483	—	2,533,892
Net Exports	—	133,502,108	—	703,020,251	—	905,118,659
Total Net Imports and Exports	—	217,511,668	—	1,517,141,944	—	2,150,535,018
Excess of Imports	—	—	—	111,101,442	—	340,297,700
Exports	—	49,492,548	—	—	—	—

Value of Gold and Silver

	November 1939 G.U.	November 1939 $	January-November 1938 G.U.	January-November 1938 $	January-November 1939 G.U.	January-November 1939 $
Gold Coins Imported	—	—	1,451,526	—	—	—
Gold Bullion „	—	—	5,341,501	—	— 336	—
Silver Coins „	—	—	—	372	—	—
Silver Bullion „	—	—	—	—	—	824
Total Imports	—	— *	6,793,027	372	336	824
Gold Coins exported	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gold Bullion „	—	—	615,725	—	1,392,864	—
Silver Coins „	—	—	—	78,140,120	—	1,681,054
Silver Bullion „	—	—	—	2,123,869	—	264,511
Total Exports	—	— *	615,725	80,263,989	1,392,864	1,945,565
Total Imports and Exports	—	—	7,408,752	80,264,361	1,393,200	1,946,389
Excess of Imports	—	—	6,177,302	—	—	—
Exports	—	—	—	80,263,617	1,392,528	1,944,741

* Not including nickel and copper subsidiary coins and bank-notes.

Commodity Markets Position

In Transitory Stage Since War ; Licenses For Raw Material Export ; Wool Trade

SINCE the outbreak of war, British commodity markets have been in a transitory stage. The majority of raw materials and foodstuffs have been brought under the control of the Ministry of Supply and the Ministry of Food, respectively. Imports on the whole are still free and most probably will remain so. Exports of the majority of materials must be licensed, as must internal sales of a considerable number of products. Simultaneously, maximum prices have been enforced at levels that are more or less based on the last pre-war quotations, states Henry Heyman in the "New York Times."

The change from peace to war conditions has caused some difficulties. Large organizations had to be set up, and as only their frames had been prepared before the outbreak of war it was only natural that the granting of licenses suffered from considerable delay. The position is now improving, and there are prospects that the whole control will be working smoothly by the end of this or the beginning of next month. It may be added that licenses for exports of primary commodities to the United States have been treated with a certain preference, and in several cases applications from the United States were accepted with greater speed than similar demands by the British home trade.

Unrestricted Markets

Certain markets like the rubber, tin and cotton markets have remained free from internal restrictions, although a maximum price of £230 a ton is in force for tin. They have shown comparative calmness compared with the respective New York markets.

Non-Ferrous Metals

The London markets for copper, lead and spelter have remained closed since the outbreak of war. Internal business on the basis of licenses is taking place at official maximum prices based on pre-war conditions, which are regarded as much too low. For neutral countries outside the United States, which formerly carried out their business at London Metal Exchange quotations, these prices are of no interest, as export licenses for the three metals are at present not granted. Consequently, European neutrals are now looking to the United States for guidance. United States metal prices, of course, have risen considerably since the end of August, a rise which was based partly on the assumption that France and Great Britain might try to buy heavily in the United States as they did in the last war.

This expectation probably will prove unfounded. In the World War, the British Empire was unable to cover the copper, lead and spelter requirements of Great Britain and France. Since then the rich Northern Rhodesian copper fields have been opened up and Canada's supplies of the red metal have risen by leaps and bounds.

Empire Sources

The British Empire (Malaya, Nigeria, Australia, South Africa, Cornwall) is the largest tin supplier in the world. Nevertheless the tin position in the United Kingdom has become somewhat artificial of late. The London tin market has remained open despite the outbreak of war.

It must be kept in mind, however, that international consumers had carried only small stocks at the outbreak of the war and that a unique restocking movement is now in progress, particularly in the United States. Nevertheless, the huge shipments from producing territories should normalize the position on the British tin market before long, although it is conceivable that Great Britain will be forced to raise its present maximum price of £230 a ton in order to accelerate the flow of tin to its shores.

Britain's Manganese

The heavy United States purchases of Russian manganese this week and the probability of substantial manganese-ore shipments from Russia to Germany in the near future have given rise to rumours that Great Britain may suffer from a shortage of this vital armament material before long. Nothing is more unjustified than such an asumption. In 1914, already the British Empire was the only great power besides Russia that was independent in its manganese supplies. India produced then about 325,000 tons of high-grade ore a year, more than twice Great Britain's requirements. In the World War new and rich manganese deposits were discovered in the British Gold Coast colony and in South Africa (Postmasburg and Kuruman districts) which have since been developed by British companies.

At present, the British Empire is able to produce something like 3,000,000 tons of manganese ore a year—half the world's output in recent years and more than five times Great Britain's requirements. In fact, South Africa has been the chief source of Germany's supplies of late.

Dominions Wool

It has been officially announced that the British Government has agreed to buy the whole of the Australian and New Zealand wool clips and the greater part of the South African wool clip for the period of the war, and one clip thereafter. These purchases will cause considerable dislocations in the international wool trade even if the rumours that England will also buy parts of the Argentine and Uruguayan clips—which are current in Bradford, England's wool center—should prove unfounded. The three British wool Dominions are responsible for about two-fifths of the world's wool production and about three-fifths of the world's raw wool exports.

The combined clips of the three countries in the 1939-40 season probably will reach 1,575,000,000 pounds, actual weight. To this must be added 80,300,000 pounds, the carry-overs from last season. Of this total of 1,655,300,000 pounds, about 1,200,000,000 pounds may be taken over by the British Government. This figure is nearly twice as large as England's own requirements of imported wool. At the same time, it will prevent neutral countries from covering their total requirements in the countries of origin. It is virtually certain, however, that the British Government will agree to re-export the surplus and, as a full-blooded wool rationing system will be introduced in Great Britain as from Nov. 1, this surplus will not be reduced by private hoarding within the country.

Effect on United States

The United States is likely to be affected by these dislocations in the international wool trade to some extent. In the 1938-39 season, ended on June 30 last, the three British dominions shipped 35,900,000 pounds of wool, chiefly of the apparel class, to the United States, but in 1936-37, the last normal season, these shipments had reached as much as 112,000,000 pounds. On the basis of the attitude of the British authorities toward United States applications for other raw materials, it may be assumed that United States wool importers will be able to satisfy their requirements for British overseas wool in England without major difficulties.

Meanwhile, it is of some interest that United States buyers were the main competitors at the South African auctions in the last fortnight, at which parts of the current clip not taken over by London were offered.

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Constitutional Rule For China

Gen. Chiang Warns Against Failure of Past Attempts

Chungking, Dec. 25.

The Chinese Government's policy regarding the proposed early establishment of constitutional government is set forth in a statement by General Chiang Kai-shek, published in the Chinese press here.

The Generalissimo declares that the constitutional period and political training period may well proceed parallely. It is not necessary, he says, for the constitutional period to come only after the completion of the political training period.

General Chiang Kai-shek advocates promulgation of the constitution, with the Government at the same time enforcing political training and enabling citizens to properly exercise their rights under the constitutional government.

The Generalissimo, however, warns the Chinese people of the evils of Chinese parliaments in the past, after the establishment of the republic in 1911. On those occasions, he asserts, members of the parliaments, not knowing their responsibilities brought about the failure of the Chinese constitutional governments.

The statement also emphasises that political training does not mean the government may use high-handed measures towards people, but should adopt the manner and methods of school-teachers, helping the people to become worthy of their rights and privileges.—Reuter.

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Coco Grove	.175	S	.17	S
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Itogon	.305	S	.31	S
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Masbate Consolidated	.11	S	.115	S
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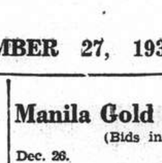

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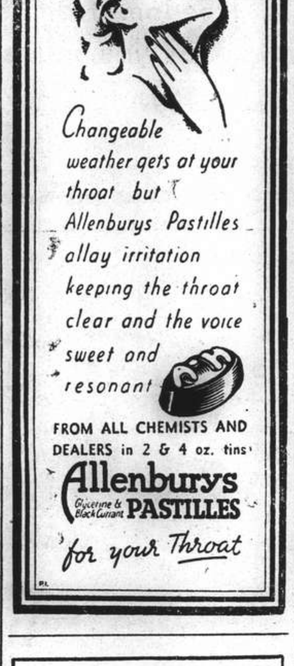
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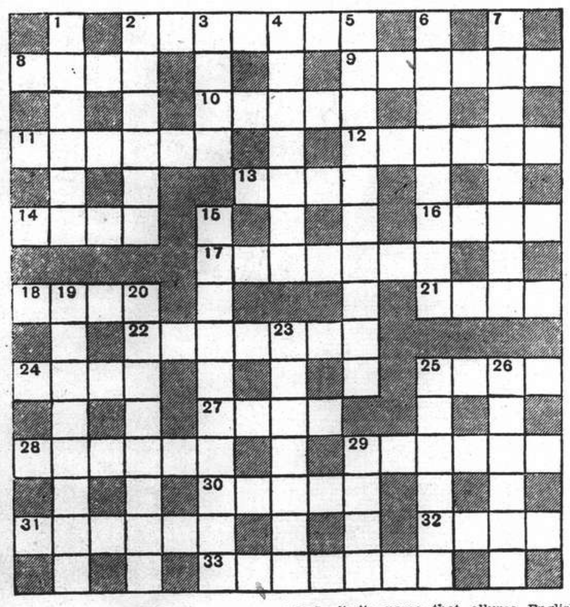

ACROSS

2 Went up like a centipede
8 Monday's dish that might be made by an Eastern Potentate
9 Mistakes put right
10 The split when a number departed
11 Charm
12 A claim to be employed is scarcely serious
13 Metal
14 This sort of package was trouble in olden days
16 Material for the ropemaker
17 Trial
18 Musical part of 10 across
21 Lively
22 Most dogs love a fire but this is a real firedog
24 Sound of animal satisfaction
25 Musical part of Scotland?
27 Part of a mousetrap set with an easy release
28 From the sublime to the ridiculous
29 A famous soldier in his youth (or part of him)
30 Concise
31 Fruit that was a character in a Shakespearean play
32 Is it its name that allures English visitors in France?
33 Describes an angler this in a good fish or after celebrating its capture

DOWN

1 A protection for some Sudanese village perhaps
2 Vehicle
3 Can this cape known in poetry be a big one?
4 An early airman
5 The isolation of some troops perhaps
6 Game that may give one cold feet
7 Often the last connection between a parting liner and the quay
15 "Bradman set" (anag.)
19 Drug
20 Would this coin suit a person who is "near"?
23 In two ways one can do this to the scraps from the feast
25 A wireless weakness
26 Swindlers who do this to their victims are not woolgathering
29 Pikes were made from plough-shares but could this really have been made from a pike?

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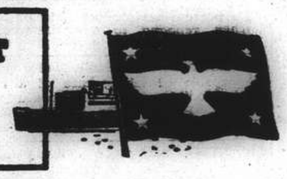

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From DAIREN: Tsingtao Maru, with mail due 2-3 p.m., Whangpoo Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

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Torrens	10/12	30/1	Fusijama	16/12	10/1
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D. Aurora	—	6/1	**From KOBE**		
L. Maersk	25/11	10/1	M. Maersk	23/12	26/12
A. Maersk	9/12	24/1	**From NAGASAKI**		
From LOS ANGELES			Nagasaki M.	27/12	29/12
P. Coolidge	11/12	2/1			
L. Maersk	16/12	10/1			

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL		For SAN FRANCISCO	
Hakone Maru	28/12	P. Pierce	2/1
Kasima Maru	5/1	Delhi	2/1
For GENOA		P. Coolidge	16/1
C. Verde	21/1	Arga	16/1
For CAPETOWN		P. Taft	29/1
Tegelberg	24/1	**For YOKOHAMA**	
For JAVA		Hakozaki Maru	30/12
Tjitjalengka	28/12	**For KOBE**	
For MANILA		Taiyo Maru	2/1
P. Coolidge	3/1	**For NAGASAKI**	
For NEW YORK		Nagasaki Maru	29/12
G. Maersk	1/1	Shanghai Maru	27/1
Nagara Maru	8/1	**For DAIREN**	
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Minhow Foochow		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong		11.30	12.00
Keelung Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	A	14.00	16.00
Hongkong		15.30	16.00
Aust. N.Z. Straits and London	B	19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, December 28.			
Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila and Java Ports	C	10.00	10.00
Amoy Hongkong and Canton		10.30	11.00
Minhow Foochow Swatow via Amoy		10.30	11.00
FRIDAY, December 29.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Hongkong		9.30	10.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	X	9.30	10.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez	DX	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton		15.30	16.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for France and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 27th.
B Parcel mail for Straits, Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 27th.
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X Provisional time—subject to alterations.

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Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on January 9.
Air France per steamer on December 29, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 27, due L'don Jan. 31.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 29, due L'don Jan. 31.
Per steamer Pacific, Dec. 31, due London Jan. 31.

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1939 (17th day of 11th moon)

	SICCAWEI Dec. 25 16.00	SICCAWEI Dec. 25 21.00	SICCAWEI Dec. 26 4.00	SICCAWEI Dec. 26 9.00
Barometer inches	30.37	30.39	30.37	30.43
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.09	—0.09	—0.05	—0.02
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.05	—0.05	0.00	+0.04
Wind (direction)	N	W/S	W	WSW
" (miles per hour)	6.2	0.3	6.8	6.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	44.1°	31.8°	28.9°	39.0°
Humidity %	46	78	100	77
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 25	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.40	—0.08	30.31
Temp. Min. 26.6 Max. 50.0	38.3	—1.3	39.9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.45

Time and Tide	27/12	28/12	29/12	30/12	31/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.50	6.51	6.51	6.52	6.52
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.58	16.58	16.59	17.00	17.00
Moon rises at Shanghai	18.04	19.08	20.15	21.20	22.23
Moon sets at Shanghai	7.06	7.56	8.46	9.31	10.12
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.35	11.16	12.20	13.05	13.52
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.14	17.02	17.45	18.28	6.00
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	12.50	13.15	13.55	14.55	15.50
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	7.35	7.93	7.82	7.62	7.10

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Besholt	Hongkong	De La Rama
Kasiwa M.	Haichow	K.U.K.
Daikokusan M.	Japan	Showa S.S.
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Fongshan M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Patti	Sanhokong	V. Chieri
Heini	Hsinkong	Ship. Agency
Shanghai M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Kiangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Tyosa M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Suitai	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Hwaping	T'lungkong	Hwachung

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Lipari	Ital.	Don Shing
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Hoten M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Bossievain	Neth.	J.C.J.L.
Tai Ping	Nor.	Dodwell
Kondor	Ger.	Reuter B.
Hailung	Chi.	Tung Hai
Elbhof	Ger.	Carlowitz

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
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Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
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Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

Biggest Battle of War Fought Over Wilhelmshaven

Hundred British and German Machines in Action; Mass Formation Withstands German Attacks

London, Dec. 25.

DETAILS of the air battle over Wilhelmshaven on December 18 are still being sorted out from the mass of information obtained as a result of the reports of individual members of each crew, and a clear picture of the action is beginning to take form. It seems probable that the German Command was very dissatisfied with the results of the operations off Heligoland on December 3, in which formations of Wellingtons attacked warships and hit two cruisers.

On that occasion, large numbers of Messerschmitts were despatched to intercept the formations, but their attacks were ineffective and they failed to make any impression on the close and strong formations of Wellington bombers. At least one Messerschmitt was destroyed, and others forced down.

The ease with which this effective attack was carried out without any loss to the bombing formation probably thoroughly alarmed the German Command. Accordingly, in the hope of preventing a repetition of such attacks, they ordered up as reinforcements a number of crack squadrons, probably from the Western Front.

These units have been lately armed with Messerschmitts 110, a very fast twin-engined fighter of the latest type. As the British formations entered Heligoland Bight on December 18, they were almost immediately met by enemy fighters, though not at that time in large numbers.

These fighters were easily disposed of, and only one attempted the desperate task of closing with one of the bomber sections and was immediately shot down. But as a group of formation approached its objective at Wilhelmshaven, skies began quickly to fill with German fighters of various types, which attacked them from all directions.

The fighting quickly became intense, as crack fighter squadrons strained every nerve to find a means to break down the close and tightly packed sections. Then, as the bombers came over Wilhelmshaven, they were exposed to the full blast of the anti-aircraft defences of the naval base.

Formation Holds Fast

The Germans hoped in this way to force the formations to open out, so that their fighters might be able to deal with them individually, and it was only after the British bombers had completed their task that the main attack developed in a supreme effort to break up the formation which had hitherto held so strongly together.

Heligoland Air Battle

As the action developed, the casualties on both sides began to mount up. The heavy concentrated fire of the formations had resulted in so many losses to the Messerschmitts that in a last desperate attempt to break down the ordered array of bomber sections, the Messerschmitts attempted most spectacular attacks, at great speed, on the beam of this formation, trying to sweep the formations with fire from stern to stem. But even this manœuvre had little success, and many of their aircraft were shot down, the beam attack giving the British gunners an excellent target at close range.

The defeat of this final effort was the last phase of the action, and British air gunners, excited and tired, had the satisfaction of seeing the last remaining fighters disappearing towards their own shore.

Wellington Bombers Successful

In the opinion of experts, laurels in the battle undoubtedly go to the Wellington bombers, which resisted a most desperate and, it is conceded, a most courageous and dashing effort to break them up and destroy them.

Flying wing tip to wing tip, they held together in spite of anti-aircraft fire and continuous attacks from every direction of Germany's most modern fighter aircraft, again and again. German fighters daring to close were shot down, and bombers continued on their course unchecked and unshaken.

Heligoland Air Battle

Some fared less well than others, and some were lost, fighting to the end with a gallantry to which the Germans themselves bear witness. Others fought off their formidable opponents singlehanded, and ultimately succeded in crossing 300 miles of sea, even though their aircraft were maimed and fighting turrets were out of action.

One aircraft had to leave formation and descend into the sea some distance from the English coast through a petrol leak. All its guns were out of action, and the bottom of the front turret had been blown out and set on fire. The pilot quickly put out the fire with his gloved hand, his quick action saving the lives of the crew.

The gunner, whose huddled position prevented him from falling into the sea when the bottom of his gun turret was blown away, expressed the greatest admiration for his sergeant pilot. "We shall never know," he says, "how he managed to control his aircraft through such difficulties."

The leader of the formation summed up the great battle:

"This was in fact the biggest aerial battle ever fought. At hazard, I should think there were about 80 to 100 aircraft engaged. We were greatly outnumbered and outmanœuvred because of the higher speed of the fighters. The crews fired shot for shot, and gave better than they got. Most of our crews were under fire for the first time. They have returned confident that on the next occasion the enemy will suffer a far heavier blow.

"All crews were surprised at the performance of the German aircraft and their determination to press home the attack. We felt they were worthy opponents."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Patrol Over Heligoland

London, Dec. 25.

Referring to a German communique stating that "while activity of German aircraft was suspended on December 24, British aeroplanes in the afternoon flew over Heligoland Bight," a statement by the Air Ministry declares that the flight was merely a routine patrol over the area.

There was no activity, it says, and British aircraft were not engaged. All machines returned safely. "We do not issue bulletins regarding such flights, which are regarded purely as a matter of routine," the statement adds.—Reuter.

Safety Zone Note Not Received

Allies Cannot Respect Panama Declaration, If Germany Does Not

London, Dec. 25.

Although Britain failed to receive the pan-American protest, reported to have been sent yesterday, against violation of the 300-mile American neutrality zone established at the Panama Conference, informed political quarters nevertheless defined the Allies' stand toward the zone.

If it is true that the Americas are protesting with a view to obtain official statements of attitude from the belligerent Powers, the Allies shortly will hold exchanges of views in order to establish a definite policy, it was declared.

They will then reply in suitable manner and probably in accordance with sentiments already expressed both in Paris and here, the informed quarters said.

Rights Reserved

France and Great Britain to date have reserved all their rights as regards the American neutrality zone because they believed that the Panama Conference's decision, to be applied justly, should be applied in such a way as to affect all belligerents alike.

In other words, the Allies thought the 21 American republics should take strict measures to insure rigorous surveillance of the 300-mile zone in order that the Allies might be assured no German vessel could take illegal action there.

Germany, it was pointed out today, bothers little about legalities and "only strict control could enforce respect from her for international order."

The future of the neutrality zone, British quarters asserted, therefore depends mainly on the exercise of the necessary strict control. And since the Americas have shown they do not wish to show prejudice against the Allies, the same circles concluded, a satisfactory solution of the whole problem should not be hard of attainment.—Havas.

Congratulations for Mr. Wang Ching-wei

President of Seiyukai Party Calls on Chinese Leader

Congratulations on the progress of the peace movement in China were given Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who will be the central figure of the projected new Central Government of China, on Monday afternoon by Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, President of the Seiyukai Political Party of Japan, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

"It must be realized, however, as a Chinese proverb points out," Mr. Kuhara told Mr. Wang, "that 'When one travels 100 miles, he must regard 99 miles as no more than half the distance,'" the local Japanese paper quoted him as saying.

Mr. Kuhara, who is making a personal study of conditions in Central China, was accompanied to Mr. Wang's residence on Yu Yuen Road by Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, Member of the House of Peers, and Mr. Teiichi Nishikawa and Mr. Kiroku Oguchi, Members of the House of Representatives.

"Peace and reconstruction work is very difficult," the "Mainichi" said Mr. Wang told Mr. Kuhara. "But with an objective to work towards, difficulty means nothing to me. I appreciate the support the people of Japan are giving the peace movement, and I am certain that when objectives are achieved, peace and prosperity will come to the Far East."

Interviewed by the "Mainichi" after the talk with Mr. Wang, Mr. Kuhara was quoted as saying that he was impressed with the enthusiasm the peace movement leader had for his mission. "I realized during the visit, that the time has now come for all Japanese politicians to give their full co-operation in helping Mr. Wang reach his objectives. It is my intentions to help bring this about when I return to Japan," he send.

Mr. Kuhara, a veteran politician, supported a movement in 1915 launched by Dr. Sun Yat-sen. During talks with Dr. Sun on many occasions he came to have a deep understanding of Dr. Sun's principles, the paper said. After the interview with Mr. Wang, Mr. Kuhara said that he was pleased to know that Mr. Wang, was attempting to review the Chinese Kuomintang, modelled on the principles advocated by Dr. Sun.

Submarine Commander Decorated

D.S.O. and Promotion for Man Who Sank German Cruiser

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 25.

An Admiralty communique announces that the D.S.O. has been conferred on Lieut-Commander Phillips of the submarine Ursula, which recently destroyed a German cruiser off Heligoland. He is also promoted commander from December 12.

Other officers and men of the Ursula are receiving decorations and promotions and all are congratulated on their "great success."—Reuter.

Italian Mail Plane Crashes

Casablanca, Dec. 25.

The trail-blazing Italian mail plane which was to launch the Italy-South America service met with disaster, it was learned today after the craft failed to land at Mogador, near Tamanar in the Pasa region, a very mountainous area. Natives brought the news here after they had discovered the wreckage of the plane with four charred bodies inside. Details still were lacking this evening, but the Italian authorities immediately dispatched officials to the scene of the accident to make an investigation on the spot.—Havas.

Louza Boxing Day Social Function

Station Staff Entertain Shanghai Friends

With Maj. K. M. Bourne attending, the annual Boxing day tiffin at Louza Police Station was observed yesterday. Mr. H. M. D. Robertson, Assistant Commissioner of Police, welcomed guests who included Capt. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Samson, Assistant Commissioner of Police. Chief Inspector Dudley, in charge, and Mrs. Dudley were host of the occasion.

Numbered among those attending were various people from the Force and upwards of 70 ladies attended. The arrangements were in charge of Chief Insp. Dudley, Insp. Ware and Sergt. Adams. Much of the success of the affair was due to the attendence of Larry and Steve of the Moulin Rouge who volunteered their services to provide musical entertainment.

None the least of the performance consisted of the two small children of Chief Insp. Dudley who, with their drums, and accoutrements amply supplied guests with musical entertainment. The party went to some lengths, much beyond the hour, and those attending felt that Louza had maintained the reputation of previous years, and in one or two points excelled.

Straw Hut Village Goes Up in Flames

Thousands Homeless; No Casualties Reported

No less than 250 straw-huts were destroyed by a fire which broke out at the corner of Brenan and Keswick Roads at 2 a.m. yesterday and all machines from Bubbling Well and Ichang Road fire stations were required to bring the fire under control in just over two hours. The origin of the conflagration, which rendered thousands of hut-dwellers homeless, is now being investigated.

Due to the efficient work on the part of the firemen, no casualties were reported. The flames spread rapidly and destroyed everything in their path and hundreds of yards of hose had to be laid in order to enable the firemen to fight the blaze from all sides.

While a crew remained behind until late yesterday afternoon, the remainder of the machines returned to their stations soon after 4.20 a.m. yesterday.

Cathedral School Dance

One of this season's most successful young peoples' parties was held on Saturday, December 23 at the Cathedral School for Boys, Columbia Road, from 7.30 to 11 p.m. when more than seventy children in fancy dress were the guests of the Headmaster, the Rev. P. C. Matthews.

A lighed Christmas tree and bright decorations everywhere added to the festive gaiety of the occasion. The programme included many fox trots, waltzes, and the Paul Jones, and an indication of the evening's success is the fact that rarely was anyone seen "sitting out" a dance. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent performances of Mr. Pallan, conjuror and ventriloquist, and of the Chinese acrobats; both entertainments which were by courtesy of Mr. Joe Farren were greatly applauded by the youthful audience. During the evening all the guests were given a wonderful sit-down buffet supper, also provided by Farrens.

Many of the fancy dresses were unusually striking and original, and there were several prizes for these as well as for games and spot dances. At 11 p.m. the Headmaster presented the prizes, after which were sung "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," thus bringing to a close, a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The prize winners were as follows:

Girls' Fancy Dress:—1st prize, Pamela Kaye; 2nd Mireille Middleton; 3rd Joy Anderson.

Boys' Fancy Dress:—1st Prize, G. B. Wills; 2nd J. P. K. Baker; 3rd D. K. Traynor.

Noise Competition:—Barbara Forshaw, A. J. Dodd.

Game Prizes:—Lechia Hekking, Jean Middleton, G. Zellensky.

Most Original Costume:—R. L. Huckstep.

Spot Dance Prizes:—Rosemary Greenfield, J. B. Johnstone; Freda Walker, J. D. Gilbert; Audrey Begley, D. Frost, Marjorie Quayle, R. Warren; Sheila Bowden, E. Baukham.

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Japanese Emperor Opens Diet

New Order in East Asia Stressed in Speech; M.P.'s Urged to Co-operate

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

Stabilization of East Asia by the realization of the Japanese Empire's aims was stressed today in an address by the Emperor in opening the 75th session of the Imperial Diet.

The Empire's aims, the Emperor declared, could be realized through the fomenting of the nation's power and a careful study of conditions of the universe.

The Emperor referred specifically to the complex international situation arising from the war in Europe.

His Majesty was dressed in military attire and spoke in the House of Peers.

The ordinary budget and the extraordinary military Budget for 1940-41 which the Diet will consider, together with various other legislative bills, the Emperor said, should be carefully weighed with the view of helping the Government conduct state affairs in the best possible manner.

Co-operation Needed

In the face of the present situation, His Majesty stated, deliberations should be conducted in a harmonious and co-operative spirit.

Gratification was expressed for the growing friendly relations between Japan and treaty Powers.

Referring to the conflict in China, the Emperor praised the efforts of the officers and men of both the Japanese army and navy in a carrying out a well-laid plan by overcoming all types of difficulties.

At the same time His Majesty expressed himself pleased with the manner in which the people at home were enthusiastically executing their duties to the nation.

Short Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremonies, including the Emperor's address, lasted less than 15 minutes.

However, the Emperor's message departed from the past opening day addresses in that references were made to political events at home and abroad.

The Emperor left the Imperial Palace 20 minutes before the ceremony began, accompanied by Admiral Saburo Hyakutake, Grand Chamberlain, Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira, Minister of the Imperial Household, and Lieut.-Gen. Shigeru Hasunuma, chief aide-de-camp.

Before appearing in the House of Peers, His Majesty received princes, cabinet members and Privy Councillors.

Both houses of the Diet convened on Friday and completed organization, but the first official session was not opened until the message from the Throne was received this morning.—Domei.

Beggar Camp Opened in Settlement

Shelter for Indigent Since Many Deaths Reported

A beggars' camp for the Settlement was formally established on Christmas day at 330 North Fokien Road. Many poor people and beggars have already entered the camp which, however, can hold only 400. The police have been asked by those in charge of the new camp to send beggars to the camp for food, clothing and sleeping quarters.

The new philanthropic organization is functioning under the direction of the Shanghai Philanthropic Bodies' Union in Yunnan Road. The union has seen fit to establish the new camp because during the winter many beggars die of starvation and exposure Mr. Chi Bin-chang has been appointed director of the new camp. The union is reported to be willing to provide more camps for the poor and beggars if there are suitable places for new relief quarters. At present, the North Fokien Road camp can take care of only about 400 poor people and it is said that in a few days the place will be filled with beggars.

A check with the Shanghai Public Belevolent Cemetery revealed that on average 15 dead beggars have been picked up from Settlement streets daily during the past few days. On Friday, 22 bodies of beggars were picked up and on Christmas Eve 15 bodies were buried by the philanthropic body.

Saigon Rice Buyers to Be Registered

Not Much Cheaper Than Local Native Rice

Formal registration of prospective Saigon rice buyers with the newly-formed Shanghai Foodstuff Readjustment at 59 Hongkong Road will begin today. The purpose of the Chinese civic organization is to ask big firm and shop managers to place orders for Saigon rice for their employees so as to reduce the high cost of living resulting from the unprecedented increase in the price of native rice in Shanghai.

By interviewing those who are closely connected with the new food shortage relief body, the "North-China Daily News" is informed that it would require farsightedness in making purchases of Saigon rice by registering with the association as it is pointed out that at present the price of Saigon rice is not very much cheaper than the native rice sold in Shanghai. It is said that the price for a bag of Saigon rice now is $47.

It is explained, however, that in a bag there is more than a picul or "zah" of rice, or to be exact, it contains one picul, two "dao" and five sheng" of rice. In other words it contains one and a quarter "zahs" First grade native rice sold in Shanghai at $40 per "zah," but one can hardly obtain it. Cheap rice will mean inferior quality and less in quantity when boiled. Printed particulars for buying Saigon rice will be supplied by the Association today.

Finnish Red Cross

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